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Medical referral patients who need treatment outside the Commonwealth may not have that option for now after travel agencies stopped issuing them airline tickets due to the government's nonpayment of arrears owed, now amounting to $180,000.

Villagomez

Department of Public Health Secretary Joseph Kevin Villagomez confirmed yesterday with the *Saipan Tribune* that travel agencies suspended the processing of travel documents for off-island medical referrals beginning Wednesday.

So far, five to 10 medical referral cases have been affected, all of which are for

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Two of the four candidates in this year's delegate election separately filed complaints with the Commonwealth Election Commission yesterday over irregularities in the early

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Search on for a missing tourist

» **Japanese missing at Tank Beach since Wednesday**

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Local and federal authorities have been conducting search and rescue operations for a Japanese tourist who was reported missing at Tank Beach in Kagman since Wednesday noon.

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Fitial blames lawmakers for early voting issues

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial said yesterday the early voting issues—voter intimidation, fraud, and increased cost of the election—were the reasons why he vetoed the measure in the first place, and he now challenges lawmakers who overrode his veto to "step forward and explain their actions to the public."

Fitial vetoed the bill allowing for early voting, or voting 10 days prior to Election Day.

However, the House and the Senate overrode the veto, citing the need to reform CNMI election laws to conform with federal

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High court nixes Hillblom claimant's docs

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The CNMI Supreme Court rejected yesterday two more documents filed by Sally Bauer, a Buffalo, New York resident who claims to have two children fathered by the late multimillionaire Larry L. Hillblom.

Associate Justice John A. Manglona said the two documents do not conform with the CNMI Supreme Court's rules on the submission of briefs.

Manglona ordered that the filings be stricken from the record.

One document was titled "Notice of Appearance by Telephone" and the other was titled "Open Issue to Present on the Oral Argument."

Manglona said that Bauer, acting as guardian ad litem for her two children, filed the two documents on the morning of oral arguments on Wednesday, Oct. 27.

As of yesterday, the Supreme Court had yet to rule on Bauer's appeal to re-open the Hillblom estate.

Bauer, who is currently in New York, argued during Wednesday's proceeding via telephone. She has no lawyer.

She insists that she personally knew Hillblom and that she has evidence to support her claim that Hillblom is the father of her son and daughter.

Bauer had sought the re-opening of the Hillblom estate and the appointment of a new special administrator to determine her and her children's heirship claims and their share of the estate's $30 million insurance policy.

The Larry L. Hillblom Foundation and the American International Specialty Lines Insurance Co., objected to the re-opening of the probate that then associate judge Alexandro Castro had closed in 2000.

Hillblom was the founder of DHL, the world's largest courier delivery service. He died in a plane crash off Anatahan waters on May 21, 1995. He left an estimated $600 million to $700 million assets.

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Alien workers' petition now available online

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A petition initiated by the United Workers Movement-NMI that urges U.S. President Barack Obama to extend protections to guest workers in the CNMI is now available online.

Movement president Rabby Syed said the petition may be found in human rights advocate Wendy Doromal's Unheard No More blog at http://unheardnomore.blogspot.com.

The petition asks Obama to take administrative action to extend protections to the 16,000 legal workers in the Commonwealth by granting parole-in-place status that will qualify them for employment-based visa applications.

Syed

The petition also states that the guest workers are part of the U.S. Social Security system and understand U.S. industry standards, workplace safety standards, and fair labor standards.

The parole-in-place status with authorization to seek employment will give guest workers in the CNMI "peace of mind" until a permanent status is provided to these workers by Congress, Department of Homeland Security, Department of State or the Department of Labor.

"It is within your power now to provide protection to legal aliens who have dedicated their lives to building and developing this U.S. Commonwealth," the petition states.

Syed told *Saipan Tribune* that guest workers may now sign the petition online. The formal launch of the petition, however, is still on Nov. 9. The launching will also coincide with a prayer vigil sponsored by UWM-NMI.

The petition signing and prayer vigil will start at 6pm at the American Memorial Park Amphitheater.

Syed said the signature campaign will conclude on Dec. 9.

"I'm asking all guest workers, our brothers and sisters, to attend the vigil and petition launch on Nov. 9 to make the event successful. We need to be united and make a loud, unified voice for the improved status of all workers in the CNMI," he said.

According to Syed, their group will also try to set a meeting with Insular Affairs Assistant Secretary Tony Babauta who will be on island next month.

Syed said they will furnish Babauta a copy of the petition.

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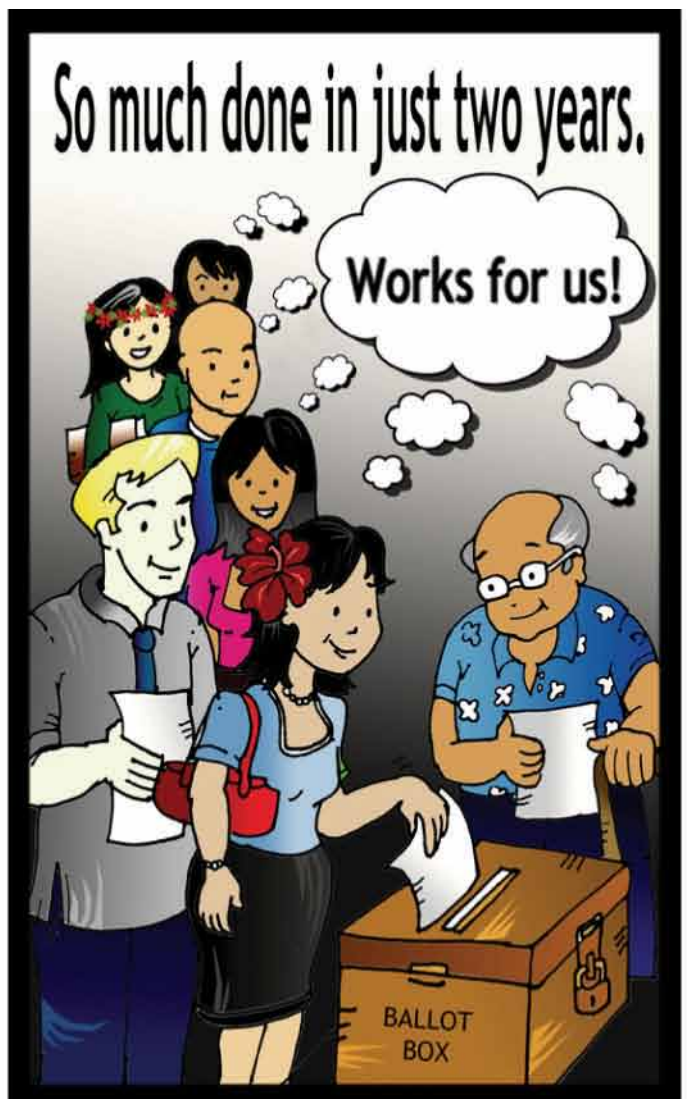

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Finance secretary retires today

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Finance Secretary Robert "Bob" Schrack is retiring from government today after 16 years with the Department of Finance and barely four months after his Senate confirmation as department secretary.

"Yes, it's for real," Schrack told *Saipan Tribune* when asked about his retirement after a public hearing held yesterday afternoon by the ad hoc Senate Tax Policy and Enforcement Review Committee.

Schrack

Schrack said he informed Gov. Benigno R. Fitial about his retirement in early September.

When he retires, he said he will remain in the CNMI, and will spend more time with his wife and family, especially with his grandchildren whom he said he would take to school.

While he just got appointed as Finance secretary, Schrack said he has been acting Finance secretary on and off for several years.

He worked at Finance under four different governors. Since 1994, Schrack has been special assistant to the secretary of Finance, a post previously served by now Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said the Fitial administration is saddened by Schrack's decision to retire from government service.

"Secretary Schrack is a tremendous asset to the Department of Finance and the Commonwealth government as a whole. His overwhelming years of experience and vast expertise in the financial field deserves full and proper recognition. Undoubtedly, the Commonwealth has been very fortunate to avail of many years of Mr. Schrack's expertise and skills in the area of finance and accounting," Demapan said.

"Gov. Fitial and Lt. Gov. Inos are very much grateful for all his contributions to the Commonwealth and wish him well in his future endeavors," the press secretary said.

Search for next secretary begins

Demapan said the Fitial administration is expected to designate an acting secretary of Finance today while it begins its search for a nominee to the post.

"At this time, the administration has not identified who will be officially nominated to fill the post of the outgoing secretary," Demapan said.

Capital Hill sources said one of the possible candidates for Finance secretary is former Commonwealth Utilities Corp. executive director Tony Muña.

But the Fitial administration reiterated that it has not identified a replacement yet.

An appointee to the position will need to undergo Senate confirmation.

Senate Vice President Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian) said Schrack will be a big loss to Finance and the whole government.

"We are losing a gentleman with vast institutional knowledge and experience about government finance. Every time we lose 15 or more years of experience, it will definitely create a gap. I'm sure he did this for the right reason," Hofschneider said.

Buckingham to review the status of probe on police brutality complaint

Attorney General Edward T. Buckingham said yesterday he would review the status of the investigation on allegations that a police officer mauled a barbershop employee after mistaking him for a drug suspect.

In his response to *Saipan Tribune's* request for comments about the police brutality allegations, Buckingham said their office does not generally comment on pending investigations or prosecutions.

Buckingham said, however, that given the news reports on the issue, he will "in the next day review the status of this matter."

"To the extent I can appropriately comment, I will do so. Please note: this is not a promise to comment," he told *Saipan Tribune.*

He explained that prosecutors have obligations and limits about what can be said about pending cases. "These restrictions arise from our duties as officers of the court and are also covered in the Model Rules of Professional Conduct," Buckingham said.

Jin Dong Wang. 44, a Chinese national, claims that that he was pistol-whipped and assaulted by a police officer at his residence in As Lito last Oct. 18 after he was mistaken for a suspected trafficker of methamphetamine or "ice." ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

BETS

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voting process and attack ads published in the islands' two newspapers.

Incumbent Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan is taking issue with newspaper ads attacking him, saying they do not have the proper identification of those responsible for placing the ads—a violation of election law.

Democratic Party candidate Jesus Borja, in his two-page letter of complaint, is urging the Election Commission to disclose its efforts in identifying improperly cast votes during the early voting process.

Identification

Sablan, a former election commission executive director, called into question advertisements placed in the *Saipan Tribune* and *Marianas Variety* by the CNMI Descents for Self-Government and Indigenous Rights, saying they violate provisions of Public Law 12-18, the CNMI Election Reform Act of 2000.

The ads claim that Sablan lied to the public in the execution of his official duties as a member of the U.S. Congress.

"These statements are, for course, untrue. However, 1 CMC 6409 does not prohibit such untrue statement to be published, if those responsible for publications are identified in one of two ways," Sablan said.

These include (a) the name of the chairman and secretary or the names of two officers or the political party of other organization issuing it; and (b) the name and residence of the person responsible therefore.

Already addressed

Oscar Rasa, spokesperson for the CNMI Descents for Self-Government and Indigenous Rights, said Sablan's concerns about the publication of the ads have been addressed.

"We have agreed that the next ads to be published will identify the names of two officers of the group. Sablan's concern is too trivial. He had a problem about the identification and publication. But the issues remain. It shows that we're not the one who have reckless disregard for the truth," Rasa told *Saipan Tribune.*

Rasa, a former speaker, said the CNMI Descents for Self-Government and Indigenous Rights will continue to oppose any delegate candidate who does not support or protect self-government and the indigenous people.

Sablan asked the Commonwealth Election Commission to investigate the matter to confirm that a violation has occurred and refer the matter to the attorney general for criminal prosecution.

If any of the candidates are found to have been involved in the violation, Sablan said their name should be struck from the ballot or disqualified from office.

Early voting

Early voting began on Friday, 10 days prior to the Nov. 2 election. As of 5pm yesterday, the commission has already recorded 1,274 early voters on Saipan and less than a hundred voters on Tinian and Rota.

Borja said this unexpectedly large number of voters taking advantage of the early voting provision of Public Law 17-16 should be looked at to determine if there are any improperly cast early votes.

"It is imperative that the CEC notify the candidates and the general public about how the Election Commission intends to identify, process and remedy possible improperly cast early votes," said Borja.

He suggested that the commission call a meeting with all the candidates and appropriate government agencies to inform the candidates of what it plans to do.

Borja said without this notification from the commission, the results of the election may be called into question.

He demanded a response by today to be able to prepare for Monday's election.

CEC action

Guerrero said the commission's board chair, after reviewing Sablan's complaint, referred the matter to the Office of the Attorney General, while Borja's letter is being reviewed by their legal counsel.

Assistant attorney general Meaghan Hassel Shearer confirmed receiving Sablan's complaint yesterday and it is now being investigated by the office while Borja's concern is being reviewed.

The Election Commission has set a meeting on Saturday at 1pm; it is open to the public.

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Police spokesman Sgt. Thomas A. Blas Jr. said yesterday that Masaaki Isobe, 55, was last seen shouting for help at the reef line.

As of press time yesterday, there was no word from DPS if the search and rescue teams had located Isobe.

Blas said that police first received a call of a stranded swimmer at Tank Beach on Wednesday at 12:48pm.

Preliminary investigation conducted by Boating Safety officer Jimmy K. Sablan showed that Isobe was with a group up tourists that went to Tank Beach at 11am that day.

After snorkeling in the lagoon for about 30 minutes, the tourists decided to head back to shore.

As they were heading to shore, they noticed that Isobe was not with the group so they began searching for him.

The group later spotted Isobe by the reef line where he was shouting for help.

The group attempted to swim out to the victim's location, but failed to reach him due to large waves and the strong current.

After being notified of the incident, DPS immediately sent patrol and Boating Safety officers to the beach.

Boating Safety Section launched two jet skis, while the Division of Fish and Wildlife used a rescue boat to look for the missing tourist.

The Fire Division's Search and Rescue Unit also responded and searched for Isobe along the cliff line.

Blas said a U.S. Navy helicopter arrived at 3:37pm and did an aerial search.

The search and rescue operation was called off at 6pm Wednesday due to poor visibility.

Boating Safety Section officers resumed the search and rescue operations yesterday. The Emergency Management Office, U.S. Coast Guard, Division of Fish and Wildlife, and Fire Search and Rescue Unit also joined in the second-day of search. The Navy helicopter resumed its aerial search.

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requirements, but vowed to introduce a separate bill addressing Fitial's concerns.

Rep. Rafael Demapan (Cov-Saipan), author of the early voting bill that became Public Law 17-11, said yesterday that when the House overrode the governor's veto, they vowed to introduce a bill that would solely address the governor's concerns about early voting.

He said that follow-up bill passed the House and the Senate. Fitial signed it into Public Law 17-16.

House minority leader Diego T. Benavente (R-Saipan) echoed Demapan's statement, saying that the governor's concerns were addressed in the follow-up bill that was signed into law.

Early voting began on Oct. 22. The delegate election is on Nov. 2.

Improprieties

Fitial said yesterday that in the days following the beginning of the early voting, concerns were raised regarding alleged improprieties.

He said the most recent complaint stemmed from a GOP supporter who was reportedly outside the Election Commission's office in Susupe, urging voters in the vernacular to vote for a specific candidate.

"I foresaw many issues with the provision that would allow for early voting. This is a process common in the mainland because they need to accommodate millions of voters. I simply did not understand why the Senate amendment to establish an early voting period was necessary for an island community with less than 20,000 registered voters," said Fitial.

But the bill did not originate in the Senate.

"The members of the Legislature who supported the bill and more importantly, those who orchestrated and supported the override of my veto should now step forward and explain their actions to the public," Fitial said in a statement.

Merits

Senate President Paul Manglona (R-Rota) said he does not want to comment on the governor's statement.

Manglona, however, commented on the merits of allowing for an early voting.

He said under the new early voting law, the secrecy of the ballot is more protected.

"If people want to go on early voting, they have to line up, and once they're allowed to enter the room, given an affidavit and the ballot, and cast their ballot in the presence of Election Commission personnel. These early voters could not show their ballot to anyone and there's no way other people can see whom others voted for," Manglona said.

TRAVEL

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follow-ups, he said.

The CNMI government owes Wings Travel, Pacific Sky, and World Tour and Travel a total of about $180,000, Villagomez said, and payment for each vendor has been delayed by over a month.

"Right now, we're working with the Department of Finance to pay the travel agencies. They haven't been paid for awhile so they stopped the processing of medical referral travels for now until they collected the $180,000 obligation," he said.

Villagomez met with the Medical Referral Office yesterday to work out a payment plan with the Finance Department.

Although Finance is doing its best to settle the obligation, Villagomez said there is no concrete date as to when the payment will be released to vendors.

"They [Medical Referral Office] are communicating with Finance…but I don't know exactly when the checks will be released. But it's just a matter of processing and because of the cash flow problem of the government," he said.

"If they get paid tomorrow, the agencies will process again these referrals," he added.

Payments for the medical referral vendors are separate from the allotment or budget of the Department of Public Health, Villagomez said, because the money comes from other funding sources.

Since Wednesday, only one travel agency allowed medical referral trips to Guam while a total ban was placed on trips to the Philippines and Honolulu. The two other travel agencies, Villagomez said, implemented a complete ban on all these destinations.

He admitted that "emergency cases" are the biggest worry they have for now.

"The affected cases are for follow-ups and there is no immediate repercussion if we will delay it by a day or a week…but if we have emergency cases tomorrow, what course do we have?" he said.

If and when that happens, the department will have to plead with these travel agencies to at least temporarily lift the travel ban, he said.

"The thing here is…we will pay the obligation and it's just a matter of paying it in a timely fashion," he said.

DPH spent $16.3 million in the last four fiscal years, ending in fiscal year 2009, to send Commonwealth patients to various medical facilities off island for treatment.

Austerity Fridays begin today for some lawmakers' staff

Some lawmakers' staff will not be required to report for work today in line with the government's work hour cuts.

Most of the House leadership members, including the office of the vice speaker, will implement austerity Fridays for their staff starting today, to be able to cut work hours by 16 per pay period.

The Executive Branch started its 16-hour cut on Oct. 24.

Despite the work hour cuts, House minority leader Diego Benavente (R-Saipan) said the savings will remain in each lawmakers' offices, "and will be available for their use, including travel."

He said any savings can be given back to the general fund, but only after the end of the fiscal year.

Rep. Ray Basa (Cov-Saipan), chair of the Ways and Means Committee, said he will start the work hour cuts today. The House leadership tackled this during a recent meeting, he said.

"The leadership decided to close offices every Friday, but some decided to do it differently, so long as they cut hours by 16 every pay period," Basa said.

Other offices, such as the office of Rep. Frederick Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), will be open for half day, or in the morning only, during Fridays.

Rep. Trenton Conner (R-Tinian) said his staffers will also start their austerity Friday today. ***(Haidee V. Eugenio)***

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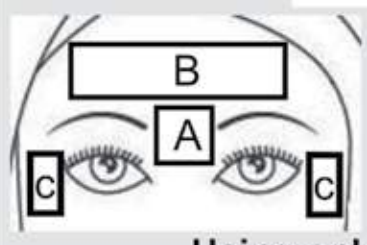

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12 awarded prizes in CDA's open house promo

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The staff of Commonwealth Development Authority presented the prizes for the lucky winners of the agency's raffle draw promotion in a brief ceremony on Oct. 27.

The raffle drawing held on Oct. 22 culminated the week-long CDA Open House event.

Those who attended the stakeholders meeting, called Dialogue on CDA Matters, on Oct. 15 and visited the agency during the open house automatically qualified for the raffle.

Ten clients each won $500 credit to their existing accounts with the agency while two non-clients each brought home a laptop.

The $500 credit winners were Vicente and Rosemarie Dela Cruz and Thomas and Laura Manglona from Rota; Margarita Iba and Michael and Maria Aguon from Tinian; and Marsha Barcinas, Esperanza Borja, CNMI Logistics, Joyce Palacios, Frances Sablan-Arriola, and Manuel and Martina Tenorio from Saipan.

The laptop winners were Joann Pangelinan from Tinan and Clarissa David from Saipan.

CNMI Global Logistics owner Conrad M. Sablan and his wife Mary Ann accepted their $500 credit.

"It's an opportune time to help us defray the loan. I see that CDA is coming up with new programs and making the business community know that they're here to help," said Sablan, who has been a client for eight months now.

CLARISSA V. DAVID

Her-Joy Apartments Joyce Palacios, left, and CNMI Global Logistics owner Conrad M. Sablan, fifth from left, hold their $500 credit certificates during the presentation of prizes at the Commonwealth Development Authority office last Wednesday. With Palacios and Sablan are the CDA staff led by executive director Manuel A. Sablan and loan manager Oscar C. Camacho.

Sablan told *Saipan Tribune* that he availed of the small microloan program of the agency to get his freight forwarding business started. CNMI Global Logistics in San Antonio is now on its third year and had it incorporated in December 2009.

Joyce Palacios, owner of Her-Joy Apartments also in San Antonio, said she is excited and pleased with this "good incentive" from CDA. She gave credit to her late husband, former representative Herman T. Palacios, who availed of the loan from CDA and to her faith, which helps her in these challenging economic times.

"CDA has been working with me very diligently and closely to find avenues to help me," she said.

Executive director Manuel A. Sablan and loan manager Oscar C. Camacho awarded the prizes to three of the winners on Saipan on Wednesday.

"The idea [of the stakeholders meeting and open house] is to encourage them to come in and dialogue with us. The door is open and we're ready to find ways to help them out," said Sablan.

"I know everybody is affected by the economy but that doesn't mean that we should simply operate as usual. We should be proactive out there. Our effort is to work with the client on a one-to-one basis," he added.

The loan manager said "there's more in store" for CDA clients, urging them to visit their office to avail of their programs. "Please come, that's all we're asking. Come and talk to us," he added.

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'Darker Side of Broadway' today, tomorrow

"The Darker Side of Broadway" had a successful first performance last night at the American Memorial Park Visitor's Center, and still has tonight and Saturday's performances in store for those who missed out on the first night—or would like to see it again! It features music from *Jekyll and Hyde, Sweeney Todd,* and *Wicked*. This production stars Aiza Mendoza, Ruth deLemos, Paul Dujua, Harold Easton, Keneisha Parks, John Darag, Dave Bucher, Anna-Rose deLeon Guerrero, and Kimberly Parks. The show is directed by Paul Dujua and the line producer is MariLou Conner. Upcoming performances are today, Oct 29, and Saturday, Oct 30. All of the shows begin at 7pm. ***(PR)***

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Public library offers free computer classes

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Members of the community can avail of free computer classes once more at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library through its Information Technology Center.

The classes offered are the Beginners Class, the Microsoft Excel Class, and the Computer Consuming Class.

The Beginners Class—every Thursday from 4pm to 5pm—is intended for those who want to learn how to use a computer.

The Microsoft Excel Class, set every Wednesday from 5pm to 6pm, is an advanced computer class for those who have already taken the Beginners Class and already know word processing.

The Computer Consuming Class from 4pm to 5pm on Fridays is a new class that aims to teach those who plan on buying computers what type is best suited for their needs.

"We try to make them smart buyers and smart consumers," said ITC coordinator Roy Diaz Rechebei.

With all the different computers available in the market, Rechebei said it is important for buyers to get the necessary information about computers, understanding terminologies used to describe these computers, and what to expect from vendors.

The class also teaches those who have computers how to take care of their computers to keep it in good condition, he said.

Rechebei said all classes are open to everyone who has a library card.

Rechebei told *Saipan Tribune* that the library started offering the free computer classes again after the new virtual computing setup was up and fully functional since mid-September.

According to Rechebei, the current setup will be replaced by two servers and the virtual computing setup called the New N-Computer.

The New N-Computer setup has nine stations called the V-Station. Each station consists of a monitor, keyboard, mouse, and an N-Computing Device, a small device that connects the three components to the main servers.

The ITC facility upgrade was made possible through a five-year technology grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Studies.

Since they only have nine stations, Rechebei said they can only accommodate nine students per class.

Other than connectivity drop on certain websites, Rechebei said the new setup is working fine. He said 10 more stations will be installed soon.

He said library patrons may also bring their laptops and plug it to the V-station to access internet. The public library does not have Wi-Fi access.

For more information about the computer classes, contact 235-7312.

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Oct. 29, 1999

Teno says landowners must be compensated
Saying the government must compensate landowners, Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio threw his support behind efforts by the Legislature and his administration to seek funding to meet mounting obligations to individuals whose properties were acquired for public purpose. "I will welcome any ways that we could generate revenues to pay those people. They deserve that," he told reporters yesterday. The governor was reacting on the plan by House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Rep. Karl T. Reyes and finance officials to explore possibilities on how the government can reduce its huge debts owed to landowners.

Leaking fuel tanks reported in Tanapag
Division of Environmental Quality Director Ignacio Cabrera has expressed concern over the presence of leaking fuel tanks in Tanapag community which village residents feared may contaminate the groundwater. Cabrera said DEQ has asked the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to conduct tests on samples taken from the fuel tanks. He said the agency will work with the Army Corps in addressing this problem. Tanapag resident Calistro M. Falig recently wrote to DEQ seeking assistance regarding three leaking fuel tanks (measuring 50 feet in diameter and 30 feet in height) in his property.

Oct. 29, 2001

NMI sees rising cases of diabetes
The number of diabetes cases in the CNMI is going up, as the disease remains one of the leading causes of death in the Commonwealth. Department of Public Health Medical Director Richard Brostrom said the situation in the CNMI does not reflect the trend in the mainland US where diabetes cases are reportedly declining. Although the DPH's statistical report on the health status at the Commonwealth is still pending, Brostrom said there have been more than 50 deaths caused by diabetes or its complications this year. Last year, diabetes mortality reached 45. Of this number, 25 and 14 died due to heart disease and stroke, respectively, while six died directly from the disease.

Election bill to shorten transition period
When the Senate amended House Bill 12-421 to extend the receiving period for absentee votes by 30 days, it apparently failed to consider the fact that the incoming and outgoing administrations would need a transition period to minimize disruptions in public service. This was pointed out by House Speaker Benigno R. Fitial during a conversation with Tinian Sen. David M. Cing over the weekend. "I think we made a mistake there. We [Fitial and Cing] were talking about the amendments I made on the bill and the Speaker pointed out that a 30-day extension for receiving absentee votes would shorten the transition period," said Cing on Saturday. This was confirmed by Fitial, who quoted Cing as saying that nobody-not one of the senators-remembered that a transition period is necessary to ensure the smooth flow of governance.

Oct. 29, 2002

DPH: Less people getting insured
Fewer individuals are getting insured these days which, according to officials, has made it more difficult for the Department of Public Health to collect its receivables. "It's so noticeable. We are finding that there are less people now getting insurance policies," Public Health Secretary James U. Hofschneider said. The health department has not determined the exact decline rate of CNMI insurance holders. Hofschneider said such trend only reflects the hard financial condition being experienced by people. "They don't want to spend more for things like insurance, but, really, this is important."

FEMA OKs $1 million for Rota
The Federal Emergency Management Agency has approved more than $1 million in federal funds to reimburse government and public entities on Rota. These funds-for the cost of repairing public property as a result of damage caused by Tropical Storm Chata'an-will reimburse 75 percent of disaster-related expenses, including road improvements and repair of infrastructure for facilities. FEMA's Public Assistance Program enables government entities to apply for help with the cost of repairing or replacing disaster-damaging infrastructure to its pre-existing condition. Eligible costs include those associated with debris removal, emergency protective measures and repairing disaster-damaged roads, bridges, public buildings and public utilities.

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Cutting fatality rate among teen drivers

There was good news in a report released last week by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control: Fatalities among teenage drivers have fallen steadily and markedly since the mid-1990s. From 2004-08 alone, they dropped by more than a third.

This isn't just a happy coincidence. The CDC report notes that new air-bag regulations and other safety requirements for passenger vehicles helped keep teens safer during crashes. Higher gasoline prices and the tighter economy meant teenagers put in fewer miles behind the wheel.

But the CDC analysis attributes most of the drop to graduated-license laws, under which new teenage drivers are subject to restrictions on their driving privileges during the first year or two. In California, a 1998 law increased the amount of training 16- and 17-year-old drivers must receive before taking their driving test; then, for six months after being licensed, they must have adult supervision while driving late at night or with minors in the car. In 2006, the provisional-license period was doubled to a year. Whether it's that second law, the economy, just luck or most likely a combination of factors, the number of teenage driving fatalities in the state fell to 67 in 2008, barely more than half what it had been the year before.

Only New York and New Jersey, which have even more restrictive rules for the youngest drivers, showed lower death rates. The more rigorous the rules, the more lives saved. Teen drivers are more likely to be involved in car accidents when their colleagues go along for the ride—and the more teen passengers, the higher the chance of a crash.

Wyoming, take note. That state, with its unusually loose driving laws under which even some 14- and 15-year-olds can qualify for restricted licenses, also had by far the highest teen fatality rate in the CDC study, more than five times California's. Nationwide, traffic accidents remain the leading cause of teenage deaths in the United States.

There will be debate forever about the extent to which government should infringe on personal freedom, but there should be no argument about our collective responsibility to protect the safety of minors—and the innocent drivers and passengers who might be injured or killed in collisions with inexperienced, overconfident teen drivers. Findings such as these from the CDC should encourage Congress to set minimal graduated-license rules nationwide, tied to the disbursement of federal highway funds. Not all states necessarily need laws as restrictive as New Jersey's where drivers must turn 17 before obtaining a license, but better laws would continue to reduce deaths.

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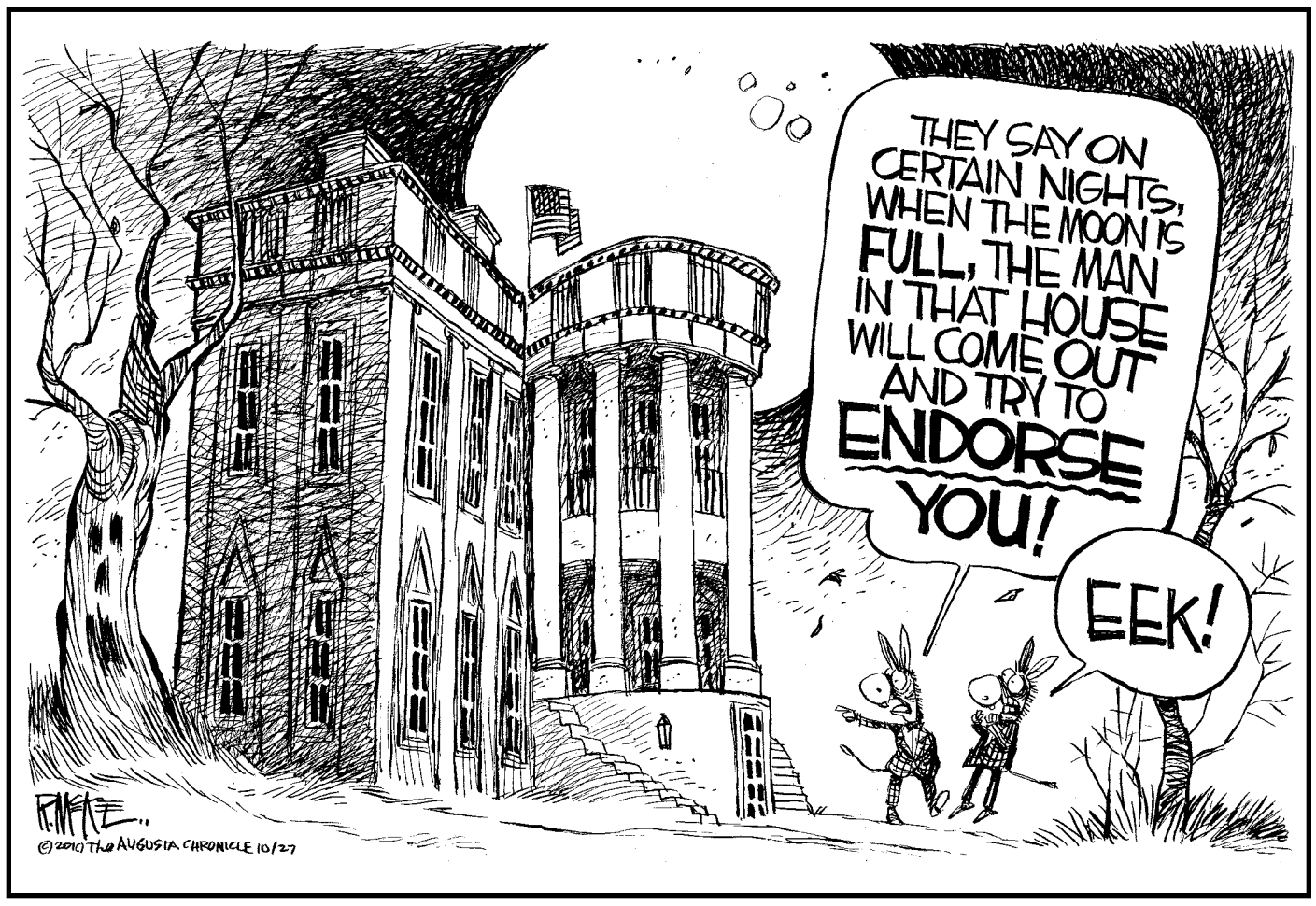
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Federal election law: What CNMI voters and candidates need to know

"A[While it is] the right of any officer [federal employee] to give his vote at elections as a qualified citizen…it is expected that he will not attempt to influence the votes of others nor take any part in the business of electioneering, that being deemed inconsistent with the spirit of the Constitution."—Thomas Jefferson

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Part 3: Political activity by public officials

The United States was still mired in the Great Depression. President Franklin Roosevelt had signed an executive order creating the Work Projects Administration to create jobs on public works projects around the country. But by 1939, widespread allegations that WPA officials were using their positions for partisan political advantage in Congressional elections led New Mexico Senator Carl Hatch to introduce An Act to Prevent Pernicious Political Activities, now known as the Hatch Act.

In Part 2, I wrote about the parts of the Hatch Act that prohibit intimidating federal employees to secure campaign contributions, and coercion of federal employees to engage in political activity. Promising employment or benefits in exchange for political support—or taking jobs or benefits away in retaliation for withholding such support—is also a crime. In today's column, we will cover the Hatch Act prohibitions on political campaign activities by public officials.

Who is covered?

The Hatch Act applies to most federal employees and officials, but it also covers state and local government employees who perform duties in connection with an activity financed in whole or in part by federal funds, even if the employee's salary is not federally funded. For purposes of the law, the term "state" includes both the CNMI and Guam. Examples of types of programs that frequently receive federal assistance include public health, education, housing, labor and industry training, public works and conservation, civil defense, transportation, anti-poverty, and law enforcement programs. Most agencies of the CNMI and Guam governments receive federal aid. A covered employee remains subject to the restrictions of the Hatch Act, even when on annual leave, sick leave, leave without pay, administrative leave or furlough.

In addition, employees of private, nonprofit organizations that plan, develop and coordinate federal Head Start, Community Service Block Grant and economic opportunity programs are also considered covered employees under the Hatch Act.

State and local employees: Prohibited activities

Covered state and local employees may NOT:

■ Be candidates for public office in a partisan election. A partisan election is one in which a candidate is running as a representative of a political party.

■ Use their position or authority to interfere with or affect the results of a nomination or election. For example, a covered employee may not ask an employee he or she supervises to volunteer for a political party or candidate, or advise employees that they may purchase tickets to a fundraising event. Targeting subordinates for such "requests" is seen as inherently coercive, because the subordinate might reasonably fear to deny such a request by his or her supervisor.

■ Directly or indirectly coerce, command, advise or suggest that another state or local employee—particularly a subordinate—contribute anything of value to a party or candidate for political purposes. For example, it would be a violation for a covered employee to advise his subordinates to take part in any partisan political activity, or contribute money, food, beverages, or anything else of value, to a political candidate or party. Again, subordinates might feel they have no choice when a request is made by their supervisor, so supervisors must avoid making such requests.

State and local employees: Allowable activities

Covered State or local employees MAY:

■ Vote for the party or candidate of their choice.

■ Be a candidate for public office in a nonpartisan election, such as for a local school board.

■ Hold office in a political party, club or organization.

■ Be appointed to fill a vacancy for an elective office.

■ Actively campaign for candidates for office in partisan or nonpartisan elections (on their own time, not during work hours, and not at the government work site).

■ Contribute money to political parties or candidates.

■ Attend political rallies, meetings or fundraising events.

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Playing the professional odds

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Special to the *Saipan Tribune*

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As the CNMI does yet another turn in the economic snake-eats-its-own-tail gig, an entire generation of youth is facing borderline hopelessness in the employment realm. Those who aren't born into the right political caste have mighty slim pickin's indeed.

Meanwhile, some of my teenaged nieces and nephews have become concerned about their economic futures, since they have the level sense to perceive that all is not well. So there's a lot of worry all the way around, and it's a good time to ponder this before we lapse into a brutal holiday funk because nobody can afford any darned presents this year.

I'll spare you platitudes on the gig, but I'll pass on some observations about clawing one's way out of bad economic environments. These are just my own observations, which are based, if I may say so, on a pretty broad exposure to disparate economic contexts. I wish I could offer some clever and comforting magic formula so I look smarter than I really am, but there's no magic here.

Anyway, here we go: From what I've seen, the best way to escape bad economic situations is by advancing in a respected profession. Examples are medicine (including nursing), dentistry, engineering, and the military. As for the military, yeah, it's sort of its own category, with distinct risks and a unique career path, but as a career is it certainly a respected profession.

I don't know about law right now, my lawyer pals tell me that the tenderfoots are up against bad times.

But I do know about aviation, which used to be a great credential but is pretty dicey these days.

As for nursing, I know nurses in their 30s who are making six figures a year, and have so many job offers they don't bother returning the calls.

Before some sore-head tells me that not everybody can afford to go to medical school, I'll look at my list and say, OK, but how much does it cost to join the Air Force? Oh, nothing. They pay you.

Anyway, all of the above are technical professions, and with real, unambiguous, and verifiable credentials. In these fields, it doesn't take any blah-blah or flim-flam to present your qualifications. Naturally, you have to go where the work is, which might be far away from Saipan, but that's life.

Of course, one can be a grade-A genius with nary a credential to show for it. As far as I know, Eric Hoffer, the great American philosopher and a world-class intellectual, had no college degree at all. And Bill Gates, Mr. Moneybags himself, was a college dropout; think about all the guys with high-powered degrees that must have to kiss his pasty butt on a daily basis.

Indeed, having high-powered credentials doesn't guarantee great success. For example, I know a Ph.D. in chemical engineering, quite literally a rocket scientist, who did worse, financially, than many truck drivers do.

But let's not chase butterflies on this gig, we're trying to play the odds and find the best way, by which I mean, the most likely way, for a youngster to find a way out of a bad economic situation. Such is my context. So the issue isn't how to reach the stars, the issue is how to get out of the mire.

Saipan's got it bad. But don't despair: I've lived in worse. The first high school I went to was more grim than Hades itself, and more violent than Kabul. Still, as hard as it is to fathom, most of my pals didn't want to leave the familiar trapping of the 'hood after graduating, they thought they'd just hang out for a year or so, get a job, any job, and "see what happens."

Well, what happens is marriage. And a kid or two. And rent. And a car payment. And insurance. And then it's too late to step off the wage treadmill. They're stuck. I knew only two kids who escaped it; one became a lawyer, the other an engineer. True, they were smart people, but no smarter than some of my other friends who got stuck.

I'm not saying that everyone can avoid getting stuck. So the issue isn't a guarantee, or a sure thing, or justice, or what is fair, or what is nice to think about, or how I want the world to be. But rational action means playing the odds, which, in this case, means aiming effort and ability in a calculated direction.

Four men and an election

By JAIME VERGARA
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Something is remiss when four perfectly gracious and gentle men who under normal circumstances would easily share confidences and intimacies as neighbors and fellow residents of a small island find it necessary not only to bloat their own sense of importance but, when the opportunity present itself, lift themselves up, or at least their handlers do, by downgrading the others.

In this case, these men are Republican former governor Juan Babauta, Democrat former lieutenant governor and justice Jesus Borja, Covenant former minority floor leader of the last Legislature Joseph Camacho, and independent current CNMI delegate to the U.S. Congress Gregorio Sablan. It is a tribute to the Commonwealth to have such four distinguished and qualified gentlemen vying for the office to represent the people of the Northern Marianas to the august congressional body of the paramount democratic country of the 21st century.

I do not know these four men very well but I had the opportunity to interact with them in different situations, and I find all of them to have their acquaintance worth cultivating.

The longest in length of acquaintance is Juan Babauta. Not too long after taking the reins of the Immanuel United Methodist Church on island a decade ago, I was invited to attend the State of the Commonwealth Address at the Multi-Purpose Center. I found myself seated next to the Washington Rep. I heard of his position on garment factory workers earlier and I was looking forward to his acquaintance. I also just lived in the DC environs so I was friendly. This day, however, would not be the day for a collegial connection. The Rep then appeared anxious.

Later, when the Saipan UMC took its resolution all the way to the denomination's General Conference supporting the creation of a non-voting congressional office for the CNMI and forwarded it to the appropriate offices (more than 70 solons were declared Methodists), we had a chance to visit with the governor, and thenceforth, we were on civil waving acquaintance as he jogged his evenings by the pathway.

Bill Clinton was a young party stalwart in Dallas, Texas where I attended university pre-'72 presidential elections, so when I lived within the beltway in DC in the '90s as a Mr. Mom partner to a professional State Department personnel, I had time to watch and support the Clinton White House. Though not a blue card-carrying party functionary, I had consistently supported the Democratic Party in national politics. While in Hawaii, I was with the delegation on HUD's development zone that had dinner at the WH lawn with Gore and Clinton.

Thus, wanting to be acquainted with Jesus Borja came naturally. However, the CNMI Democrats were in disarray, more like the Southern Dems of the '60s, with many acting like a cross between George Wallace and Ross Perot. As a Filipino politician once articulated, "My loyalty to my party ends when my loyalty to my country begins." I did not find much of a Democratic Party to support, and though party coordinator Ed Arriola at SVES became a good friend, and young Angelo Villagomez joined the ranks, the party's direction was, at best, shifting with the prevailing winds.

The Covenant Party offered a voice for the Carolinian component of Commonwealth politics, not by platform but by its leadership, and partial to broad participation in decision making, particularly from the perceived minority, we honored and respected this third party face. Its promise, however, was drowned by clannish and other dubious vote-getting practices that our regard turned sour.

I watched Joseph Camacho, legal counsel to an acquaintance in a human trafficking case, operate through the judicial process. I found him competent and fair; later, with a common personal connection, learned of his compassion and "big heart." His connection with the Covenant Party at this time, with Governor Fitial's seeming autocratic management difficulties, make his party affiliation more of a liability than an asset.

Ebullient Gregorio Sablan came to the board of directors of the NMICH at the tail end of my term, and immediately, his stance and demeanor came to our liking. An openness and non-defensiveness, with a consistent touch to the lightness of being, made him a likeable fellow. When he threw his hat to the congressional ring, we welcomed the freshness and possible change he represented. I supported his (Kilili's) candidacy then.

Two years later, we choose again, from four gentlemen by my reckoning. Some 60 days ago, when the campaign began in earnest, we asked what reasons I might consider to alter my support. None was forthcoming. Efficiency and effectivity has been our measure. So far, Kilili meets our requirement.

We are not in the business of endorsing candidates. Not only don't we have the stature, but we also believe that the time has come for every elector to decide on their own, not for what is for the social good in an abstract and ideological sense, nor what is pleasing in a knee-jerk blind loyalty sense, but on what is good for each as an enlightened citizen. We shall sort that out in tomorrow's reflection.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Vote yes on legislative initiatives

I consider the Retirement Fund a patient that is in the ICU unit. Financial people are trying to diagnose the problems of the Retirement Fund; the fastest and safest way to resurrect the dying company. Aside from reducing its operating expenses, the Retirement Funds needs to collect its accounts receivables to increase its revenues for investment, pay its operating expenses, pay pensions to retirees and set aside some money for future retirees. Large amounts of these receivables are due from the Commonwealth government, which amount to over $300 million and counting.

Recently, Legislative Initiative 17-1 passed the Legislature and will be on the ballot on Nov. 2. In the view of various individuals with financial and business backgrounds, authorizing our government to issue pension obligation bonds should the timing is right is the most prudent approach to solve the $300 million receivable that our government owes the Fund.

Why am I voting yes on Legislative Initiative 17-1? The government will be able to catch up in paying its liabilities to the Retirement Fund instead of paying very minimal amounts at a time and not even reducing the principal amount due. All the payments our government is making now goes to interest cost and nothing to reduce the principal amount due. Our government could not afford to make large payments to the Fund at one time because there are other priorities to fund, such as education, health, public safety and other social services. Issuing a pension obligation bond is similar to refinancing the government loan, making it longer to repay the loan, at affordable terms and conditions.

As examples, the Commonwealth government issued $140 million bonds for infrastructure here in the CNMI because the government did not have a large amount of money to finance these projects at one time. In addition, the Commonwealth government issued $140 million bonds for various projects of the Public School System. The $140 million and $16 million bonds were fully paid. In 2000, $60 million in bonds were issued for local matching of infrastructure projects and in 2003 our government issued $40 million bonds for land compensations/prison facilities. Both these bonds were refinanced in 2007 at lower interest rates. The original $60 million bonds have been paid off this year. The government has always paid the bond payments when due. In other words, our payment records with the bonds market are good.

Once the Fund get the money from the pension obligation bonds, it will invest these new funds and will continue to pay retirees' and future retirees' pensions. What are the sources of funds to pay the pension obligation bonds? The sources are the money the government is setting aside as employer's contribution and taxes regularly remitted to the Fund. Instead of paying the Fund with these funds, the government will remit them to the bondholders. There are safeguards required before the CNMI government issues the pension obligation bonds. For one, there will a detailed financial analysis on the repayment ability of the government.

Therefore, voting yes on Legislative Initiative 17-1 is favorable to both the government and the Fund. Voting yes provides the government authorization to issue the pension obligation bonds should the timing and cost of underwriting bonds is favorable. It is certainly not meant that the CNMI government will issue the pension obligation bonds tomorrow. Voting yes to Legislative Initiative 17-1 should go with a yes vote on Legislative Initiative 16-13, to stop the Legislature from passing laws that would increase benefits to retirees and active members and not to increase the unfunded liabilities of the Retirement Fund.

Juan M. Sablan
President, Commonwealth Retirees Association

The Weather

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5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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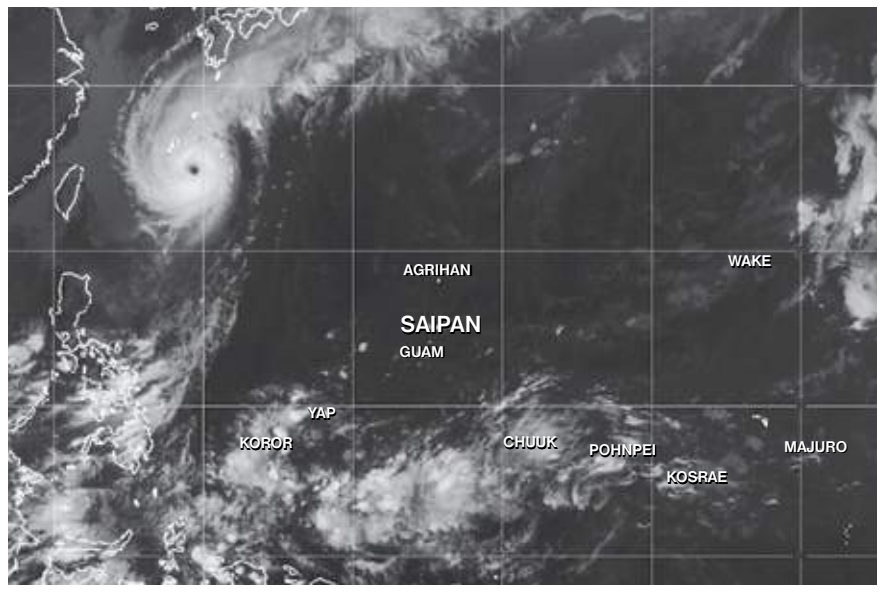
Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲86	▼79
Palau	Showers	▲86	▼78
Yap	Partly Sunny	▲88	▼78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼77
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼75
Kosrae	Rain	▲89	▼77
Majuro	Mostly Sunny	▲84	▼77

Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲67	▼55
Beijing	Sunny	▲65	▼39
Hong Kong	Sunny	▲77	▼55
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼75
London	Cloudy	▲57	▼51
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲81	▼58
Manila	Thundershowers	▲86	▼78
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲80	▼61
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼72
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲72	▼46
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲69	▼61
Paris	Fog	▲62	▼51
Pusan	Windy	▲68	▼58
Rome	Sunny	▲71	▼50
Salem	Showers	▲56	▼45
San Francisco	Showers	▲70	▼55
Seoul	Sunny	▲62	▼45
Tokyo	Showers	▲62	▼57
Washington, DC	Sunny	▲60	▼43

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2010
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Typhoon Chaba (16W) is just southeast of Okinawa near 25N129E. Low-level convergence southeast of the typhoon is causing showers and a few thunderstorms northwest of a line from 25N134E to 14N132E. For additional information on Typhoon Chaba, refer to jtwc bulletins issued under wmo header wtpn32 pgtw. Low-level convergence is triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms near Koror and Yap within 125 miles of a line from 9N137E to 6N134E and near the equator southwest of a line from 5N130E to EQ134E. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms near and southwest of Chuuk in an area bounded by a line from 4N139E to 9N153E to 4N154E to 1N138E back to 4N139E. Low-level convergence coupled with upper-level divergence is causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms east of Wake Island in an area east of a line from 25N174E to 20N169E to 10N180.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

5:37 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
1:13 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
6:35 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.4 Feet
10:45 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:12 AM	5:49 PM
Saturday	6:12 AM	5:49 PM
Sunday	6:13 AM	5:49 PM
Monday	6:13 AM	5:48 PM
Tuesday	6:13 AM	5:48 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	11:04 PM	11:24 AM
Saturday		12:14 PM
Sunday	12:03 AM	1:01 PM
Monday	1:01 AM	1:45 PM
Tuesday	1:58 AM	2:29 PM

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SAIPAN-GUAM

C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily
C09313	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09605	6:20pm	7:10pm	Daily
C09599	9:30pm	10:20pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:00am	8:35am	Daily
DL285	6:40am	9:15am	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ604	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ604	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ606	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ604/701	2:20am	11:25am	1 via ICN
C09316/893	2:45am	9:00am	3, 6 via GUM-Palau
OZ604/701	2:50am	11:25am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
DL287/173	6:00am	10:55pm	Daily via NRT
C09603/933	3:05pm	8:40pm	Daily via GUM
C09599/PR111	9:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG

OZ604/721	2:20am	11:45am	1 via ICN
OZ604/721	2:50am	11:45am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
C09603/909	3:05pm	9:25pm	1, 5 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM-SAIPAN

C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
C09596	6:35am	7:25am	3, 6
C09596	7:00am	7:50am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09600	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09604	5:00pm	5:50pm	Daily
C09606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily
DL286	3:50pm	8:25pm	Daily
DL288	8:40pm	1:15am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ605	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ603	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

OZ704/605	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
DL172/173	7:50am	1:10am+1	Daily via NRT
OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C0892/9316	4:15pm	3:35am+1	3, 6 via GUM-Palau
PR110/C0596	10:00pm	7:25am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	Daily via GUM

HONG KONG-SAIPAN

OZ724/605	12:30am	2:30pm	2 ,4 ,6, 7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C0910/9596	10:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM

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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

Letter to the Editor

Promises delivered

It was being said that our Washington delegate was just carrying out the work of the past and is claiming credit for the "work done by the current administration" in Washington, D.C. I say this: Regardless of who left what behind or who did what, it took Rep. Gregorio "Kilili" Sablan less than two years to deliver. The one thing we should all be concentrating on is that he delivered his promises with integrity and sincerity. I believe that Kilili has changed how the CNMI is viewed by Congress and they are listening and understanding clearly the needs of our people. We must all agree that in such a short amount of time and despite being our first delegate to Congress, Kilili has made tremendous improvements in our political relationship with Congress and the federal government.

I ask that we do not make the mistakes of the past by removing someone in public office who works for the people, simply based on political rumors, political attacks, political preference and especially hearsay, for it will be devastating for us all and that of our future generations.

As a kid growing up, I remember to this day those individuals campaigning loudly, screaming through the nights in my home village of Chalan Kanoa with promises of immediate improvements in our health care facility, education, public safety, infrastructure and so forth. Once elected, however, it was nothing but a scream and myself begging for a tardy slip for class.

Lastly, I leave you voters with this short and positive note, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it" and remember that we now have a voice of reason in the halls of Congress who delivers for the good of the CNMI as a whole.

Gregorio Cruz
Papago, Saipan

Greetings…

Two years ago I promised to represent you in the U.S. Congress with honor, always keeping in mind the great needs of today, never forgetting our vision for the future of the Northern Mariana Islands.

We have accomplished so much in just a short time. Now the challenge is to continue that progress, building on our experience, the trust we have earned, and the friendships established in our Nation's capitol.

I renew my promise to you…

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- ☑ 375 jobs created or preserved
- ☑ $8.3m emergency funds to cover PSS October payroll
- ☑ Immigration transition: kept visa waiver program for Russian and Chinese tourists: $58m to our economy
- ☑ MVA seat on National Travel and Tourism Board
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Improving health care:

- ☑ Health care reform has major benefits for NMI:
  - Medicaid triples: $158m over ten years
  - Consumer protections: no lifetime limit or loss of coverage when ill, same rates for women and men, children covered up to age 26
  - $1m to police unreasonable insurance rates
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  - $250 to help with expenses in 2010
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- ☑ $768,000 Medicaid bridge funding for ½ of FY11
- ☑ Children's Health Insurance doubled to $1.2m
- ☑ Tinian Health Center: $380,000
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- ☑ Recovery Act funding for medical referrals

Helping those most in need:

- ☑ Food Stamp annual increase: $2m
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Building infrastructure:

- ☑ Clean Water Fund upped to $5.2m for FY10
- ☑ Safe Drinking Water Fund upped to $6.1m for FY10
- ☑ $4.8 million reprogrammed for drinking water
- ☑ Recovery Act sewer/water funding: $3.5m
- ☑ Recovery Act Energy funds $30m for home weatherization, CUC efficiencies, reducing dependence on foreign oil
- ☑ $200,000 earmark for Garapan Public Market

Investing in education:

- ☑ Recovery Act: $40m for PSS
- ☑ Recovery Act: $4m for NMC
- ☑ Pell grants rise: up to $5,550 per year; 980 NMI students now qualify
- ☑ NMC College Access Grant: $7.5m
- ☑ US Military academy slots doubled
- ☑ Refaluwasch, Chamorro language: $250,000
- ☑ Northern Marianas Trade Institute: $200,000
- ☑ Library of Congress surplus books project brings 10,000 books to NMI school and public libraries
- ☑ $100,000 earmark for school textbooks
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- ☑ Brought Education Secretary Arne Duncan's "Listening and Learning" tour to NMI

Restoring pride in the NMI:

- ☑ NMI educator nominated, chosen by President Obama for Asian American Pacific Islander Commission
- ☑ H. Con. Res. 199 passes honoring Echo Company
- ☑ H. Res. 1027 passes — 50th Anniversary of Trieste dive in the Marianas Trench
- ☑ Active membership in Congressional Asian American Pacific Islander, Hispanic caucuses
- ☑ CNMI seal added to the ceiling of the House Chamber in US Capitol
- ☑ Floor statements honoring the Ret. Reverend Bishop Tomas Camacho, Manta Rays Concert Band, the late Francisco Ada, the late Dr. Rita Hocog Inos, Pale Antonelli, Angel Ray Tudela Guerrero, Beautify! CNMI and Friends of the Monument, and other NMI notables
- ☑ H.R. 934, restoring submerged lands to NMI, passes House unanimously

Protecting our island environment:

- ☑ H.R. 3511 — Marianas Trench Marine National Monument Visitor Center
- ☑ H.R. 4686 — Rota National Park feasibility study
- ☑ Recovery Act: $2.9 m for Laolao Bay coral reef
- ☑ Kagman Watershed funding: $4.15m irrigates farms, protects coral from run-off
- ☑ $220,000 earmark for marine education

Keeping you informed:

- ☑ Regular Town Hall meetings
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Letters to the Editor

More things Kilili didn't do while in office

As the elections heat up, desperate times call for desperate measures. A series of lies and attack ads have been launched, attacking Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan at every imaginable angle. I'm surprised Kilili's critics haven't associated him with al-Qaida yet. Why not? The other lies calling Kilili a traitor of his own people are just as preposterous.

What truly inspires me is Kilili's resolve. Rather than stoop to his critics' level and launch attacks on other candidates, Kilili rises above it all and chooses to concentrate on his accomplishments, his goals and objectives, and the needs of his people. He has kept the CNMI informed through e-letters, forums, his website, and a toll-free number. He willingly meets with anyone to talk about the issues. Kilili's humility and his ability to listen rather than just talk is part of what makes Kilili a statesman in a pool of politicians. If you want an honest, sincere answer, you will get it from Kilili. And if he doesn't have an answer, he will research it and he will get back to you rather than shoot from the hip and give you nothing but lip service. In a nutshell, in two short years, Kilili has done a magnificent job. He exemplifies the traits of a true leader: honesty, integrity, and character. (Did you know that in D.C. he uses public transportation to go to work and back instead of hiring a driver to shuttle him around like most congressmen?) Kilili has earned my vote because he has worked hard and has earned my trust.

While Kilili has done so much in just two years, his critics are fabricating lies and rumors instead of talking about the important issues. As my nephew would say, "They are gettin' drunk on hater-aid."

When they aren't busy pumping out lies, Kilili's critics are busy talking about all the things that Kilili didn't do while in office. In honor of Kilili's critics, I would like to add to their list of things that Kilili didn't do while in office. Here are a few:

See KILILI on Next Page

A personal perspective

Dear friends and former colleagues: As people with a direct stake in the outcome of the upcoming election for CNMI representative I thought it might be helpful for you to hear my perspective about your current representative, Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan.

As some of you know, I moved to Washington, D.C. after living on Saipan for four years. Coincidentally, not long after I moved here, the CNMI voted Kilili into office. Even more coincidentally, Kilili ended up subleasing an apartment in the same building as me, one floor above. I did not know Kilili very well on Saipan, but became friends with him here in Washington, D.C.

Because we lived in the same building, I have a bit of a unique perspective on how Kilili approached his job as CNMI rep. Often he would not come back to the apartment building from work before 10pm. And even more often, he would be out the door very early the next morning. That is to say he worked very long hours. On the few occasions I would see him in the building late at night, he would invite me up to his apartment to talk shop.

Kilili was always talking about the various problems facing the CNMI, and clearly troubled at a personal level. Issues like immigration reform, waivers for Chinese and Russian tourists, the minimum wage, education, and the health care system in the CNMI were all consuming topics of conversation. He would describe plans he had for who he was going to talk to in Congress about it, who were the players, what committees they were in, what committees he needed to be in, what legislation he needed to support to get support from others on his issues. Kilili is always thinking, strategizing, always on the job—even after a 14-hour day.

Beyond that, I was constantly astonished that as a member of Congress, he rode the Metro every day to work, instead of hiring a driver to shuttle him around like most congressmen. Usually, he would come back from work late at night carrying a bag of Panda Express Chinese food takeout for dinner—5 bucks at most—skipping the steak and lobster that I would've pictured most congressmen eating for dinner. The one-room apartment he lived in was maybe fit for a college student, but a congressman? None of the bells and whistles of being in Congress seem to matter much to Kilili. He was all about his job and getting stuff done for the people of the CNMI. I also know it wasn't easy for him being away from his family and friends in the CNMI, but felt that this opportunity he was given was too important to let personal emotions get in the way.

I have no stake in CNMI elections anymore. Having been a registered D.C. voter for three years now, and working for the D.C. Attorney General's Office the entire time, I don't have any personal thing to gain from who wins what (although I admit that I would miss Kilili if he left D.C.). I only wanted to share with you my perspective because I know how hard Kilili works and cares for the people of the CNMI. It is a very demanding job, and requires the right person to do it. I saw Kilili firsthand consistently working hard, and thought it important to pass along.

Brian Caldwell
Washington D.C.

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- Kilili never hired a bodyguard who sold ice out of his car.
- Kilili never shouted at minorities to "Go home!"
- Kilili never dished out a $392,000 sole-source contract to a loyal supporter.
- Kilili never commuted a murderer's prison sentence.
- Kilili never befriended and became best buddies with Jack Abramoff.
- Kilili never said, "I am the rule!"
- Kilili never promised "Better Times."
- Kilili never hired a U.S. law firm (Jenner and Block) to sue the federal government using local taxpayer money while trying to keep taxpayers in the dark.
- Kilili never used racist remarks or made minorities feel disliked or unwelcome.
- Kilili never said he would be the voice of the Fitial administration (but he did say he would continue to be the voice of his constituents).
- Kilili never implemented or contributed to payless paydays and salary cuts (but he did help secure over $250 million in federal funding for the CNMI last year).

I listed these things that Kilili never did for a very important reason. One of his opponents has consistently stated that the CNMI needs "ONE VOICE" in Washington, D.C. Is this the kind of voice you want representing us in Washington? Can we honestly believe that this is "Proven Leadership, Proven Experience?" Can we really afford a rubber stamp in Washington who will most likely serve as Governor Fitial's doormat?

Let's be honest with ourselves. The overwhelming majority of Kilili's supporters have no special interest in this election other than the hope that the CNMI will re-elect a man who has consistently put people before political parties. This election is not just about you and me. It is about our children and their future.

When you go to vote on Nov. 2, please think about the empty promises, the sole-source contracts to loyalists, the payless paydays, the pay cuts, and the lies. Think about how the elite dine on lobster tail while you bust your tail.

On Nov. 2, only you and God will know who you are voting for. Nobody else. So do the right thing. Send a clear message that the days of lies, deception, and bullying are over.

Ed Propst
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Security officer Nick Dela Cruz, center, is G4S Security Services (CNMI) Inc.'s employee of the month for September 2010. Dela Cruz is assigned at the Duty Free Shop Saipan. He is shown here after being presented with his certificate of appreciation by G4S operations manager Moises K. Pangelinan and supervisor Roberto Pelegrino.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

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Happy birthday greetings go out to Jose C. Naputi, who turns 11 years old today, Oct. 29, 2010! Greetings come from the family.

Happy birthday shoutout going to Reina Reftang, who is celebrating her birthday today, Oct. 29! Have a Spooktacular Day and weekend! Cheers and bottoms up girl! Much love coming from Charisma, DD, Rose, Jang, and your KHS crew!

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Muña urges voters to support Fund initiatives

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REPORTER

The head of the administration's negotiating panel, Tony S. Muña, is urging the public to support two legislative initiatives that are seen to help save the NMI Retirement Fund from total collapse.

Muña is referring to House Legislative Initiative 16-13, which proposes to stop any pension benefit increases until the program is fully funded; and H.L.I. 17-1, which would allow the government to float a bond of up to $200 million to pay its obligation to the Fund.

Based on the Fund's own actuarial valuation, total membership as of Oct. 1, 2008, was at 6,768 and these include active, inactive, retirees and beneficiaries. During the same period, these members were owed $933 million in benefits over their lifetime.

As of Oct. 1, 2008, the Fund had $403.2 million in assets. The difference between the cost of benefits and total assets is $529.86 million, representing the unfunded accrued liability. This difference is what the Fund needs to have to ensure it pays for all benefits over the lifetime of its 6,768 participants.

"Any increase in benefits will be at a minimum in the thousands annually, then multiplied times the lifetime of retirees or beneficiaries would translate into millions," explained Muna. "How much more can we afford? We need to control the cost of benefits not only for us but for our children and perhaps our children's children who will unfortunately inherit and continue to pay for this liability."

He assured that the initiatives provide for safeguards that will ensure that when the decision is made to float the bond, the decision is guided by expert advice.

'All ballots to be counted simultaneously on Nov. 2'

All ballots, including absentee ballots, will be counted simultaneously as soon as polling places close at 7pm on Nov. 2, according to Commonwealth Election Commission executive director Robert A. Guerrero yesterday.

This is the mandate of the election law, he said, and has been the practice in both general and special elections in the CNMI.

"We have to count them all at the same time. It has been the practice during election and this year is no difference," said Guerrero.

As of Oct. 22, registered voters in the CNMI totaled 16,574, including 998 registered absentee voters.

Guerrero said that upon the close of polling sites, commissioners will start the processing of ballots, witnessed by two representatives of each candidate and the media. Processing of ballots includes picking up of ballot boxes at the post office and polling sites as well as manual checking by the commissioners.

As soon as the processing is finished, the actual counting will begin, he added.

"Whatever is ready from the commissioners will be counted right away on the same night," said Guerrero.

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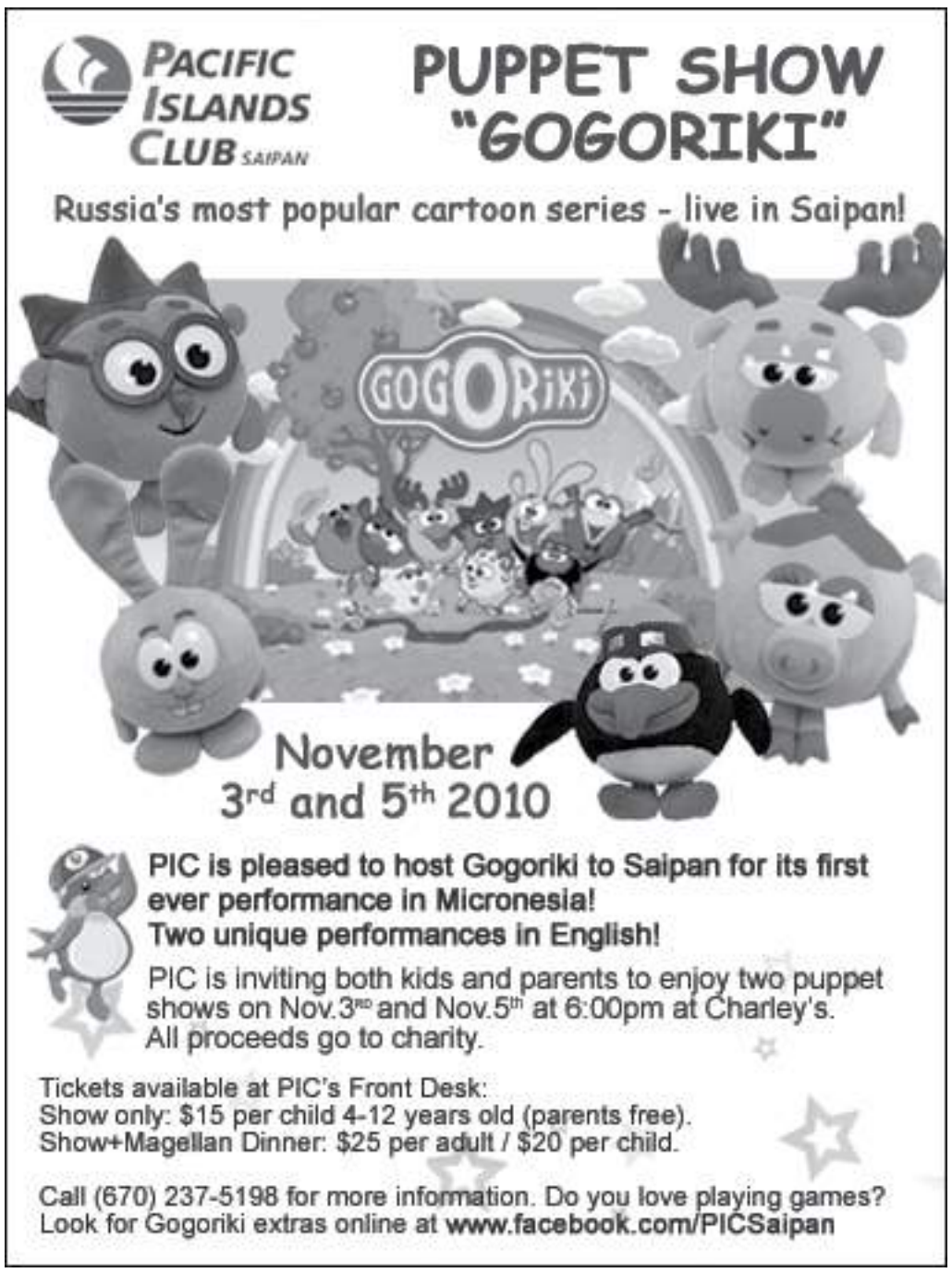
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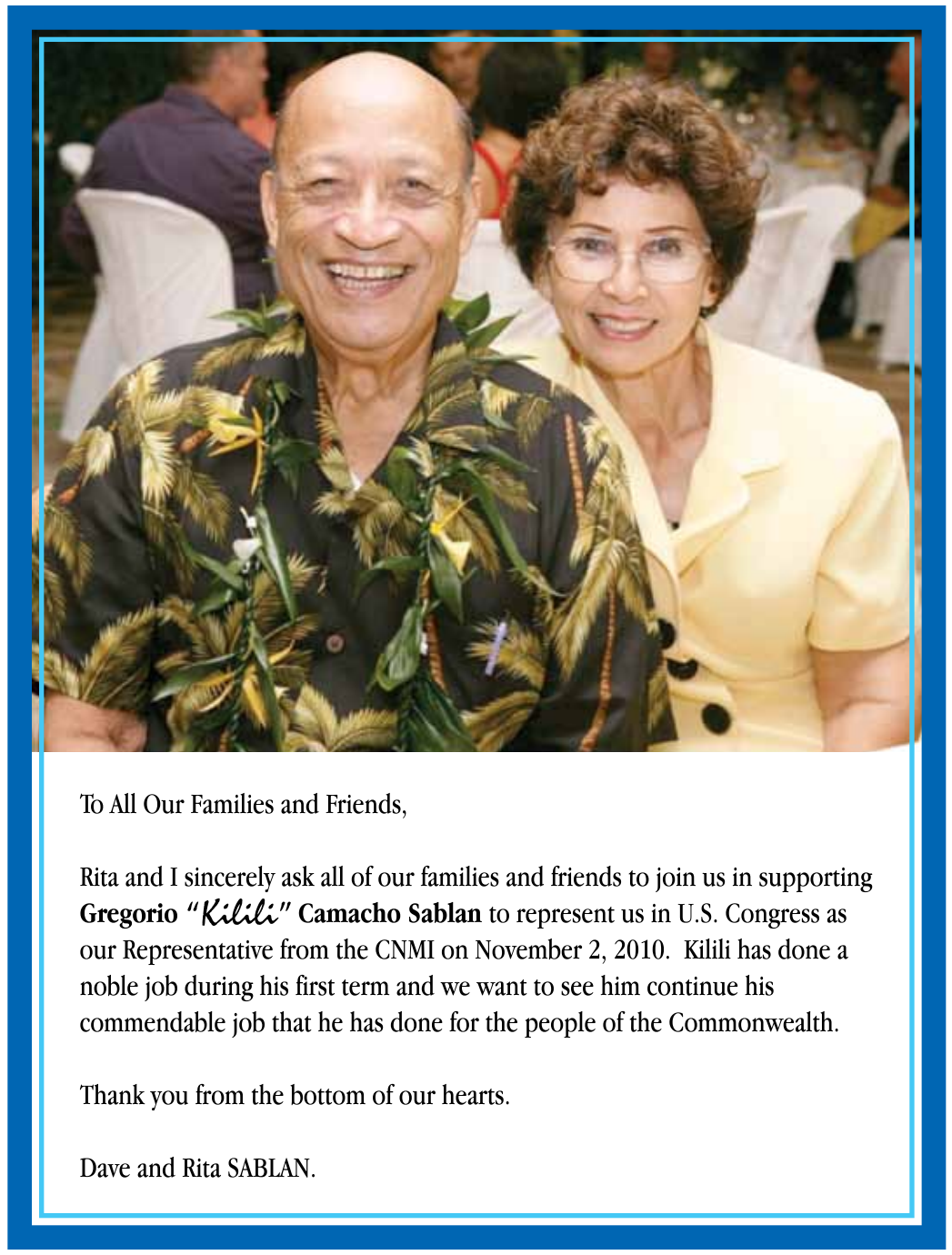
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Rita and I sincerely ask all of our families and friends to join us in supporting Gregorio "Kilili" Camacho Sablan to represent us in U.S. Congress as our Representative from the CNMI on November 2, 2010. Kilili has done a noble job during his first term and we want to see him continue his commendable job that he has done for the people of the Commonwealth.
Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.
Dave and Rita SABLAN.

OVR recognizes employers of people with disabilities

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REPORTER

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Employers hold the certificates of recognition they received from the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation during the Employers' Recognition Ceremony yesterday at the Hibiscus Hall of Fiesta Resort & Spa.

The CNMI Office of Vocational Rehabilitation held an Employers' Recognition Ceremony yesterday to acknowledge outstanding employers from the public and private sectors that support the hiring of people with disabilities.

Created under a federal/state partnership, OVR aims to help people with disabilities in the Commonwealth live independently, develop skills, and get jobs.

Yesterday's ceremony at the Hibiscus Hall of Fiesta Resort & Spa was part of the celebration of the National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

The awardees were the Commonwealth Health Center, Department of Public Safety, Division of Agriculture under the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Fiesta Resort & Spa, G4S Security, Northern Marianas College, Office of Personnel Management, Saipan Laulau Development, Saipan Aquaculture, Saipan Ice & Water, and the Division of Sports and Recreation under the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs.

Technical supervisor Jimmy Ricarto of Fiesta Resort said plumber Ernesto Javier has worked under him since 2005. "He listens and follows all my instructions. He's the type of employee who's very easy to give orders to," said Ricarto about Javier who is hearing impaired.

Javier encouraged employers to be supportive of people with disabilities and give them a chance to have a job.

Saipan Ice & Water general manager Irene O. Borja said they have two individuals with disabilities currently employed in their company, including warehouse staff Donald Gottwald, who is visually impaired.

According to Borja, Gottwald has been with their company for 10 years and has demonstrated consistent satisfactory performance.

Borja urged all employers to give people with disabilities the chance to prove themselves and give them the opportunity to start a career.

OVR Director Margarita R. Olopai-Taitano expressed her appreciation to the employers and their partner agencies for having open minds and hearts for individuals with disabilities. "People with disabilities are also part of the community. They have gifts and talents that can be used," she said.

Olopai-Taitano also encouraged people with disabilities to take advantage of assistive technology devices available and training to equip them with the right skills needed in the work force.

In fiscal year 2010, OVR had 159 applicants on Saipan, 16 on Tinian, and 30 on Rota.

Olopai-Taitano said applications are open to people with disabilities of any ethnicity and economic background that meet their three conditions: they must be physically or intellectually challenged, must have a desire to work, and are legally allowed to work in the CNMI.

Olopai-Taitano said these applicants go through a process that includes orientation and preparation to make them eligible for employment and usually takes about 60 days.

Of the 205 applicants, she said 35 have been placed in different companies in the CNMI, an indication that the community is becoming more receptive to employing people with disabilities.

"People in the community are now much more aware and sensitive to the needs of people with disabilities and special needs," she said.

For more information, contact OVR at 322-6537 or 38.

SAIPAN WORLD RESORT

A smorgasbord of choices

Saipan World Resort recently reopened its Buffet World restaurant and, together with its eight other outlets, gives tourists and local diners alike a veritable smorgasbord of dining choices.

"The facility has undergone a facelift enhancing its image and its standards, we believe in our top-notch service and our facility is in line with that," said operations director Michael Kim.

He said World Resort prides itself in the food it serves to patrons.

"At Saipan World Resort, crowd-pleasers are what we consider the best and favorite comfort food. We serve them with an elegant twist of international cuisine that is sure to be delectable to the taste buds," said Kim.

What also makes World Resort unique is that it offers the ambiance of a resort and the comfort of home, he said. "It's what makes it a place that is a must go, must do, must taste, and a must feel experience."

Kim said that World Resort's nine outlets cover an array of food catering to every diner's desire at affordable prices. "World Resort is known for delivering the great taste people enjoy."

World Resort's local promotional rates that are tied in with its ever-popular Wave Jungle also continues to be a hit.

"Our hotel's amenities offer so much to enhance family fun at a family oriented ambiance. Couple that with great pricing for the local community looking for a getaway 'stay-cation' and success in not that far behind," said Kim. ***(PR)***

Kilili: Walmart reinstates shipping to the CNMI

Walmart, the world's largest retailer, is letting its customers know that the company will be shipping to the Northern Mariana Islands again, according to U.S. Rep. Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan yesterday.

Walmart had been telling customers in the Northern Marianas that it could not ship here because the US Postal Service does not provide delivery confirmation service.

"I got an e-mail this week from a constituent who put it like this: 'Halleluiah Congressman!!!'

"I agree. It's good news," said Sablan. "And I am very glad that the congressional office was able to help get this problem fixed for people in the Northern Marianas."

Walmart is sending word of its policy change to its customers in e-mails that read:

Subject: Walmart.com can ship to more U.S. Protectorate/ Commonwealth ZIP Codes

Dear [customer],

Good news! The U.S. Postal Service has reinstated delivery confirmation services for shipments addressed to Palau, the Northern Marianas and the Marshall Islands. The USPS delivery confirmation number acts as a tracking number, providing visibility and accountability to the package in transit.

Sincerely, Your Walmart.com Customer Service Team

Sablan said his office first became involved in the issue early this year when constituents began receiving notices from Walmart that read:

Subject: Walmart.com discontinuing shipping to certain U.S. Protectorate ZIP Codes

Dear [customer],

We'd like to alert you to a change by the U.S. Postal Service that may impact your future orders with Walmart.com. The USPS recently announced that it will no longer support delivery confirmation services for shipments addressed to Palau, the Northern Marianas or the Marshall Islands. The USPS delivery confirmation number acts as a tracking number, providing visibility and accountability to the package in transit.

"Of course, we contacted the U.S. Postal Service to see if, in fact, they were cutting off delivery confirmation service for the Northern Marianas," said Sablan. "It did not seem to make any sense that the USPS would being doing that.

"What we discovered was that the Postal Service had made no change in its services. They were providing delivery confirmation for Saipan and Rota, and had no plans to change.

"But we did learn that there was no delivery confirmation on Tinian. And that did not seem right.

"So, we got the Postal Service to agree that there was no reason that Tinian should not have delivery confirmation service, just like the other islands."

As a result of Sablan's work, the Postal Service announced in August that Tinian would get service beginning on Sept. 7. The Postal Service also agreed to inform Walmart and other large retailers of the change.

Sablan's office also worked with the Walmart government affairs office in Washington to make sure that the new information reached the company's shipping department.

This week's e-mails from Walmart indicate that the company does now understand that delivery confirmation service is available throughout the NMI and is ready to start shipping for the holiday season.

"Working on large-scale national policies is an important part of what a congressional office does," Sablan said. "But equally important—and especially satisfying—is working to solve problems that are vexing constituents in the Northern Marianas. I am glad we could help." ***(PR)***

10 Saipan beach sites red-flagged

The Division of Environment Quality has red-flagged 10 beaches on Saipan—the Central Repair Shop, sea plane ramp, DPW channel bridge, south Puerto Rico, American Memorial Park, Outer Cove Marina, Hyatt Regency, Hafadai Hotel, Garapan Fishing Dock, and CK District 4 drainage—and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these sites for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

DEQ said that samples collected from these locations had concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water. Water samples were taken from 38 locations on Saipan on Wednesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. ***(DEQ)***

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To the INDIGENOUS People of the CNMI:

FILIPINOS, who are majority of the non-resident workers in the CNMI, recognize your birth rights and respect your natural resources as well as your culture and traditions. We gained employment, human benefits and rights because of our skills, knowledge and expertise for the progress and development of the CNMI.

The Filipinos have their own homeland, the "Philippines", and own government. Thus, we will never dominate, be superlative nor in supremacy over the indigenous people of the CNMI.

Thank you. Maraming Salamat Po!

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A Message to the People of the Commonwealth

Hafa Adai, Tiroow and Greetings!

Over the last year, I have heard from a great many of you that our people are not being represented at the level we deserve. My decision to run did not come lightly, but after several family meetings and a great deal of prayer, I came to the conclusion that our Commonwealth deserves better. The people of the CNMI deserve a clear voice in the United States Congress. We deserve a delegate that will work closely and cooperatively with our local government – with the administration, with the legislature, and with the municipal governments.

We deserve a delegate who is qualified and willing to cooperate with other people in order to get the job done. Most importantly the people of the CNMI deserve a delegate who will put them first -- not their own self interests. In the past weeks and months, I have reached out to each and every one of you to explain what I would do for you as your Delegate. Our future is too important to worry about taking credit for doing our job – as your Delegate, I know that our Commonwealth cannot be successful if we are splintered.

We are a proud people with strong values and as your Delegate, I will work to ensure that the rest of the United States understands our plights and I will work to bring about real solutions that will allow all of us to prosper.

Please join me in "Putting the Commonwealth First!"

-Joseph Norita Camacho

I'm Andrew Sablan Salas.

In tough economic times,
we need one voice in the CNMI.
We need one voice in Washington.
Our ocean connects us,
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Joe is our voice. Joe is our leader.
Joe is our man for Washington.

This delegate election is not about party loyalty.
It's about listening, representing and protecting our culture and traditions.

We need Joe Camacho. He will be our voice, our leader, our man in Washington.

This U.S. Delegate Election is a crucial election for the people of the CNMI.

The outcome of this election will substantially determine the future prosperity of the CNMI.

This is why I am supporting Joe Camacho for Delegate.

Joe is qualified and has our best interests at heart.

Joe can reach across party lines and bring people to
for the people.

I'm Edward Masga Deleon Guerrero, and I'm for J
Let's get together and vote for Joe.

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On November 2, you will have four choices for Delegate.

Out of these choices, I believe Joe Camacho represents the best choice.

Joe was a bipartisan legislator.
He is a practicing attorney.
He can work well with local stakeholders: with our local business community, the Legislature, the administration, and the people of the CNMI.

I urge all of my friends and families to please vote for Joe Camacho on November 2nd.

I'm Joseph Kevin Pangelinan Villagomez, and I'm for Joe. Please join me in supporting Joe Camacho for Delegate.

I know Joe Camacho.

Joe was my instructor at NMC.

Joe is hard working.
He can work with people.
He is very approachable.
He listens.

I believe in Joe. I trust him.
I know he can do the job.

Please join me and my family in voting for Joe Camacho.

I'm Pamela C. Sablan, and I support Joe Camacho. Let's get together and vote for Joe.

Refalúwasch Community for Joseph Norita Camacho

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Ow siya botali Joseph Norita Camacho.

This U.S. Delegate Election will chart the course of the future for everyone residing in the CNMI, including Filipinos.

As members of the CNMI Filipino community, we know we need a leader who will prioritize the CNMI's interests in the U.S. Congress. We know that Joe has the welfare of the people at heart.

This is why we are supporting Joe Camacho for Delegate.
We invite all our friends in the Filipino community to join us in voting for Joseph Norita Camacho.

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Marianas Health Services launches Christmas toy drive

"Christmas toys for the CNMI's girls and boys."

Those were the words that George Cruz, administrator for Marianas Health Services, used in announcing a CNMI-wide Christmas toy drive for needy children on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

Cruz feels there is a great need to bring Christmas joy to low income families who may not be able to buy gifts for their children. "While many of us have the financial resources to buy our children new toys at Christmas, there are many struggling families who are not as fortunate."

"The 2010 Christmas Toy Drive" is scheduled from Oct. 29 through Dec. 19. Cruz said that Karidat Social Services has a database of low income families and will assist in distributing the toys to all three islands.

Cruz said the community's support is needed on all three islands. "We need more sponsors and more drop-off locations. Any company, government and private, and any individual can assist. We are asking for new, unwrapped toys to be donated for children up to the age of 12. People can also help by passing out fliers and hanging posters and in wrapping the toys."

If you would like to donate new, unwrapped toys or would like to be a sponsor, contact Marianas Health Services at 233-4646 or Karidat at 234-5248. ***(PR)***

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

George Cruz, center, administrator for Marianas Health Services, is joined by other clinic personnel in showing off the toys that they will be distributing as part of a CNMI-wide Christmas toy drive for needy children.

CNMI Voting Accessibility Survey

Help us make your voting experience an accessible one!

The Commonwealth Election Commission, together with the CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities, and the Northern Marianas College University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, is conducting a survey on voter accessibility. We are asking for everyone's feedback on the voting process so that we can make improvements.

Why are we conducting this survey?

Through gathering your input, we are working together to improve your voting experience.

CNMI Voting Accessibility Survey 2010
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NEWS BRIEFS

Clinton visits Guam today

SANTA RITA, Guam— Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton will stop in Guam today during her trip to the Asia-Pacific Region.

In Guam, the Secretary will meet with U.S. forces and troops that are stationed in Guam or are moving through. She will also have a bilateral meeting with the governor and also representatives from Guam there on the base.

The Secretary of State, appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate, is the President's chief foreign affairs adviser. The Secretary carries out the President's foreign policies through the State Department and the Foreign Service of the United States.

Clinton was sworn in as the 67th State Secretary of the United States on Jan. 21, 2009. ***(PR)***

Court accepts guilty plea in forgery case

Lillian T. Duenas pleaded guilty on Oct. 27, 2010, to two counts of issuance of bad checks and two counts of forgery. The bad checks were issued to Hans Corp. in December 2009. Duenas was sentenced by CNMI Superior Court Associate Judge Perry B. Inos to imprisonment of five years, all suspended except for 60 days. She has to pay $669 plus simple interest from the date of the offense in restitution. She will be on probation for five years, and have to pay court costs and probation fees.

She was represented by the Office of the Public Defender. Assistant attorney general Eli Golob represented the Commonwealth. ***(PR)***

More Than 7K COLA checks to be mailed out today

GUAM—As of today, more than seven thousand COLA recipients in Guam will receive their annual COLA payouts. Approximately 7,200 checks, in the amount of $1,100 each, totaling more than 7.2 million are being processed and will be mailed out pursuant to PL 30-196.

"I commend the Department of Administration and others who have been diligently working to fulfill our commitment to our COLA recipients," said Guam Gov. Felix P. Camacho. "I know this will bring relief to thousands of our residents."

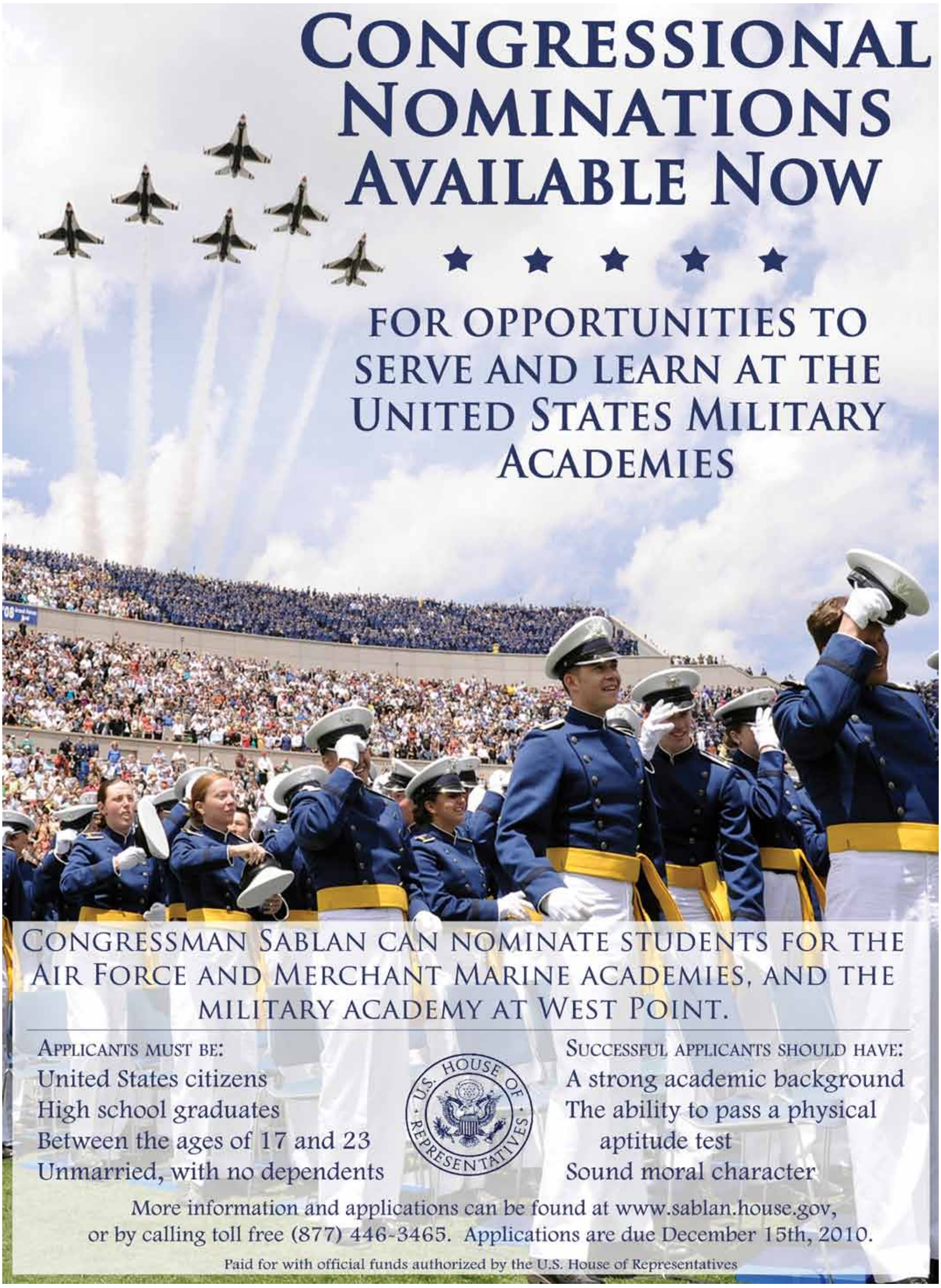
According to the Department of Administration director Lou Perez, in addition to today's anticipated pay out, more than a million in supplemental checks were disbursed on Oct. 27, 2010, to nearly 3,000 residents. ***(PR)***

Agri-consultant on Marianas Agupa

This Saturday, Oct. 30, 2010, Marianas Agupa will feature agriculture consultant Isidoro Cabrera. The show is from 10:30am to 11am on Magic 100.3 FM. Topic of discussion will be the agriculture and food production opportunities in the CNMI. Also, Juan M. Sablan will appear to discuss the proposed initiatives for the Retirement Fund.

The Chamorro Talk Show Program is hosted by Glenn H. Manglona. Featured reports are as follows: World report by former mayor Joseph S. Inos followed by special report from former Rep. Tina Sablan. The talk show airs every Saturday between 9am and 11am.

Additionally, the show features a special report from Rota with correspondent and commentator Thomas D. Mendiola and a report from Tinian by correspondent and radio commentator with former senator David M. Cing. Simultaneous Internet streaming via www.magic100radio.com will be available. ***(PR)***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Business

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Wells Fargo erred in thousands of foreclosures

WASHINGTON (AP)—Wells Fargo admitted Wednesday it made mistakes in the paperwork for thousands of foreclosure cases and promised to fix them. The San Francisco-based bank said it plans to refile documents in 55,000 of the cases by mid-November. The company said not all those cases included errors but didn't say how many thousands did. Wells Fargo described the mistakes as technical and said it has no plans to halt the foreclosure process, though filing new paperwork will cause some delays. "We don't believe that there are instances in which the foreclosures would not have occurred otherwise," said Teri Schrettenbrunner, a Wells Fargo spokeswoman. The documents are being refiled in the 23 states where a judge's approval is needed to complete a foreclosure.

Oil hovers near $82 on mixed US supply data

SINGAPORE (AP)—Oil prices hovered near $82 a barrel Thursday in Asia as weekly supply figures gave mixed signs about U.S. crude demand. Benchmark oil for December delivery was up 16 cents at $82.10 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract fell 61 cents to settle at $81.94 on Wednesday. The Energy Department said commercial crude inventories rose 5 million barrels—more than the 1.5 million barrel increase expected by analysts surveyed by Platts, the energy information arm of McGraw-Hill Cos—but gasoline inventories fell 4.4 million barrels.

Fox rejects Cablevision's new offer to end impasse

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Fox on Wednesday rejected a last-ditch offer from Cablevision Systems Corp. to pay it more for its TV stations' signals, a move that could leave some 3 million Cablevision subscribers in the New York area with few options besides heading to a bar to watch baseball's World Series on TV. In preparation for an extended blackout, Cablevision e-mailed its customers Wednesday saying it will reimburse them $10 to cover the cost of paying to watch the games online through MLB.com. Cablevision said earlier in the day that it offered to pay the same rate as Time Warner Cable Inc. for signals from Fox 5 in New York and Fox 29 in Philadelphia for one year, even though the rate is more than it pays for any other New York broadcast station.

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Republicans, heading for big gains, ready agenda

WASHINGTON (AP)—Republican leaders, ever more confident of their chances of winning control of the House and possibly even the Senate, have begun plotting a 2011 agenda topped by a push for more than $100 billion in spending cuts, tax reductions and attempts to undo key parts of President Barack Obama's health care and financial regulation laws.

The question is how much of the GOP's government-shrinking, tax-cutting agenda to advance, and how fast.

It's certain that Republicans want to capitalize quickly on tea party-fueled anger and the antiestablishment fervor that they believe will provide momentum to accomplish an activist to-do list. It's equally clear, however, that the outsized expectations of a fed-up electorate and a crop of unruly newcomers could complicate the plans. So could Obama and fellow Democrats who will still be around after Tuesday's elections.

GOP lawmakers are publicly mum about much of what they intend to do if they prevail in midterm congressional contests. Many say privately they want to avoid appearing to "measure the drapes" for new leadership offices before winning any majority.

But especially in the House—where Republicans have a clear shot at scoring the 40-seat gain they would need for control—they are in intense internal talks about how a GOP-driven agenda would work.

Rep. John Boehner, in line to become speaker under that scenario, and Rep. Eric Cantor, his No. 2, have had initial discussions to ensure a plan is ready, a spokesman said.

Most agree a marquee item on a new GOP majority's agenda would be an aggressive package of spending cuts, on the order of $100 billion or more, that could also be paired with steps to block implementation of key parts of Obama's health care law and new financial regulations.

What's less clear is how Obama would respond, and whether a turbocharged Republican majority could muster a bipartisan compromise, especially when its freshman class will probably have little appetite for following any established party position or leader.

"The Republican Party is still a tattered brand. It's not as if people are enthusiastically embracing the Republican brand—they're rejecting what has been done the last two years," said Michael Franc of the conservative Heritage Foundation, a House aide following the 1994 Republican takeover. "They're going to have to do something that is dramatic enough to say to people, 'We heard you.'"

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Va. man charged in fake bomb plot against DC area subway

WASHINGTON (AP)—A Pakistani-born Virginia man was arrested Wednesday and accused of casing Washington area subway stations in what he thought was an al-Qaida plot to bomb and kill DC-area commuters.

The bombing plot was a ruse conducted over the past six months, the FBI said, but 34-year-old Farooque Ahmed readily handed over video of northern Virginia subway stations, suggested using rolling suitcases rather than backpacks to kill as many people as possible and offered to donate money to al-Qaida's cause overseas.

The public never was in danger because FBI agents were aware of Ahmed's activities and monitored him throughout, the agency said. And the people that Ahmed thought were al-Qaida operatives were actually individuals who worked on behalf of the government, according to a federal law enforcement official who requested anonymity to discuss details of the case.

Ahmed was indicted under seal by a federal grand jury in Alexandria, Va. on Tuesday, and the charges were made public Wednesday. He is accused of attempting to provide material support to a designated terrorist organization, collecting information to assist in planning a terrorist attack on a transit facility, and attempting to provide material support to carry out multiple bombings to cause mass casualties. Ahmed, a naturalized citizen, lives in Ashburn, Va., outside Washington.

During a brief court appearance in federal court in Alexandria, Ahmed did not enter a plea and was ordered held without bond. He told U.S. Magistrate Judge John Anderson he couldn't afford to hire a lawyer. Prosecutors said they planned to use some classified information as evidence in the case.

U.S. Attorney Neil MacBride said in a statement that it was "chilling that a man from Ashburn is accused of casing rail stations with the goal of killing as many Metro riders as possible through simultaneous bomb attacks."

Ahmed's arrest comes as the U.S. has been struggling with an uptick in Americans plotting terrorist attacks in the past 18 months.

ACROSS THE NATION

Clinton in Hawaii for talks with Japan FM

HONOLULU (AP)—Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton is in Hawaii, where she is meeting top brass from the U.S. Pacific Command and Japan's foreign minister to discuss regional security issues dominated by an increasingly assertive China. Clinton arrived in Honolulu on Wednesday at the start of a seven-nation trip to Asia that is aimed at cementing ties with some of China's nervous neighbors. It's part of the Obama administration's efforts to counter Beijing's growing clout in a region where America has traditionally been the dominant power. Before leaving for Vietnam on Thursday, Clinton will see Japanese foreign minister Seiji Maehara and U.S. Pacific Command chief Adm. Robert Willard, and deliver a speech on America's leadership role in the Asia-Pacific region.

3 fatally shot in Mo., gunman remains at large

FULTON, Mo. (AP)—Police were scouring central Missouri on Wednesday for a man they called a person of interest in overnight shootings that left three people dead and one wounded. Police said they were seeking Joshua William Maylee and warned that anyone who has had "negative" contact with him to call police. Maylee was being sought in the shooting deaths of Jeffrey Werdehausen, 46, of Holts Summit, Eugene Pinet, 48, and Jackie Pinet, 57. Authorities said there were two separate crime scenes but did not release details about when and where the people were killed. Werdehausen's wife, 41-year-old Gina Werdehausen, also was shot and was in critical condition at University Hospital in Columbia.

Massive storm brings 2nd day of snow, rain, winds

VALE, N.C. (AP)—Yolanda Corona prayed she wouldn't die. She was watching television with 10 relatives when winds from a massive storm tearing across the U.S. roared through her neighborhood. The windows blew out of the living room. The chimney caved in. A tree plunged through the roof. The family huddled in a back bedroom, whispering prayers, crying and holding each other. Somehow, they survived. "We thought we were going to die. We were just so scared. We didn't have time to do anything. We all just listened and prayed for our lives," Jessica Vargas, Corona's 18-year-old granddaughter, recalled Wednesday, looking at the family's possessions, which had been strewn around their muddy yard the night before. No one was seriously hurt, but now the family must find somewhere to live.

KILILI SAYS HE WORKS FOR YOU. DOES HE REALLY?

EXPOSED: KILILI'S WEB OF LIES.

Wednesday, April 7, 2010 - Saipan Tribune:
"Permanent status for aliens with US citizen kids, and others."
Delegate Gregorio C. Sablan (D-MP) said yesterday that "there are discussions going that way," referring to a proposal to grant "long-term permanent residency" status to certain groups of individuals, including foreign workers with U.S. citizen children in the CNMI, those with U.S. and FAS citizen spouses and immediate relatives, and CNMI permanent residents."

Thursday, April 8, 2010 - Marianas Variety:
"Permanent residency plan for spouses of US citizens only."
CONGRESSMAN Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan says "the CNMI permanent residency plan beind discussed in the U.S. Senate is intended only for the foreign spouses of U.S. citizens currently residing on the islands who have yet to convert their status and not for long-term non-resident workers."

***In essence, Kilili claims the U.S. Senate came to him, BUT in H.R. 3658 and H.R. 4397, KILILI is the SOLE SPONSOR!**

KILILI has a bad habit of SAYING ONE THING, BUT DOING THE EXACT OPPOSITE!

THIS IS WHAT HE SAID IN 2010:

Wednesday, May 5, 2010 - Marianas Variety:
"NO! to improved status without the NMI Support."
CONGRESSMAN Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan says "he will not let any CNMI Immigration-related legislation go through the U.S. Congress unless it is supported by the people of the Commonwealth."

BUT THIS IS WHAT HE DID IN 2009:

KILILI introduced 2 BILLS in the U.S. Congress in SUPPORT of IMPROVED STATUS for foreigners!

KILILI introduced H.R. 3658 and H.R. 4397 WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE OF THE CNMI!

***KILILI has NOT TOLD the INDIGENOUS PEOPLE about the two bills for improved status for non-residents.**

***MOREOVER, KILILI HAS NOT WITHDRAWN his 2 bills!**

WE ARE AT RISK OF BECOMING MINORITIES IN OUR OWN HOME IF YOU VOTE FOR GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN!

What Delegate GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN IS NOT TELLING YOU.

1. **KILILI supports improved status for ALL non-resident workers.**

2. **KILILI introduced 2 bills in support of improved status WITHOUT "the support of the people of the Commonwealth."**

3. **Both bills would grant ALL foreign nationals who were in the CNMI before May 8, 2008 the right to stay in the CNMI for 5 years and then be eligible to change their status.**

4. **Both bills would allow the children who were born in the CNMI to foreign parents "REGARDLESS" of their age to sponsor and change the status of their foreign parents.**

5. **H.R. 4397 would grant the U.S. Homeland Security the authority over foreign workers to waive any fees or registration requirements. Kilili's bill will give U.S. Homeland Security full authority over guest workers and the authority to decide who can be allowed to stay and who can be allowed to change their status.**

6. **H.R. 4397 has been referred to the Sub-committee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law since March 1, 2010. (Source: 111th Library of Congress)**

Kilili says, "These people are our neighbors, our friends, our relatives in many cases. We have to make sure that they continue to live and work in the Northern Mariana Islands, just as they always have. THIS IS THEIR HOME!"
(Source: September 2009 Kilili Archives)

Paid for by the CNMI Descents for Self-Government and Indigenous Rights. President Dolores Aldan, Vice-President Herman Tudela, Spokesperson Oscar Rasa

World

UN probes base as source of Haiti cholera outbreak

MIREBALAIS, Haiti (AP)—U.N. investigators took samples of foul-smelling waste trickling behind a Nepalese peacekeeping base toward an infected river system on Wednesday, following persistent accusations that excrement from the newly arrived unit caused the cholera epidemic that has sickened more than 4,000 people in the earthquake-ravaged nation.

Associated Press journalists who were visiting the base unannounced happened upon the investigators. Mission spokesman Vincenzo Pugliese confirmed after the visit that the military team was testing for cholera—the first public acknowledgment that the 12,000-member force is directly investigating allegations its base played a role in the outbreak.

Meanwhile the epidemic continued to spread, with cases confirmed in two new departments in Haiti's north and northeast, said U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs spokeswoman Imogen Wall. At least 303 people have died and 4,722 been hospitalized.

International aid workers and the United Nations are focusing their efforts on stemming the spread of the outbreak, which was first noted on Oct. 20. But Haitians are increasingly turning their attention to its origins: How did a disease which has not been seen in Haiti since the early 20th century suddenly erupt in the countryside?

The mission strongly denies its base was a cause of the infection. Pugliese said civilian engineers collected samples from the base on Friday which tested negative for cholera and the mission's military force commander ordered the additional tests to confirm. He said no members of the Nepalese battalion, whose current members arrived in early October for a six-month rotation, have the disease.

The unit's commander declined to comment.

Local politicians including a powerful senator and the mayor of Mirebalais are pointing the finger at the Nepalese peacekeeping base, which is perched above a source of the Meille River, a tributary to the Artibonite River on Haiti's central plateau. The Artibonite River has been the source of most infections, which remain concentrated in the rural area surrounding it—mostly down river from the mouth of the Meille.

"They are located exactly where the sickness started," Mirebalais Mayor Laguerre Lochard, who is also running for Senate, told the AP. Area residents are also blaming the base; a young man walked by its gate laughing and chanting, "Co-co-cholera. Cholera MINUSTAH"—referring to the peacekeeping mission by its French initials.

WORLD BRIEFS

Death toll in Indonesian tsunami, volcano tops 340

MENTAWAI ISLANDS, Indonesia (AP)—The death toll from a tsunami and a volcano rose to more than 340 Thursday as more victims of Indonesia's double disasters were found and an official said a warning system installed after a deadly ocean wave in 2004 had broken from a lack of maintenance. Hundreds were still missing after Monday's 10-foot (3-meter) wave spawned by a massive quake struck the remote Mentawi islands off western Sumatra, where rescue officials—kept away for days because of stormy seas and bad weather—started arriving at the scene to chart the scope of the devastation. Some wore face masks as they wrapped swollen corpses littering roads and beaches in black body bags. Huge swaths of land were underwater and houses lay crumpled with tires and slabs of concrete piled up on the surrounding sand.

China to boost maritime fleet amid tensions at sea

BEIJING (AP)—China announced it is expanding its surveillance fleet to better protect its interests in the South China Sea, where Beijing's aggressive moves have already raised concern among its Asian neighbors. China's lack of surveillance ships has recently made it difficult for the country to protect its maritime rights, and three dozen vessels will be added to the fleet, an unnamed official with the State Oceanic Administration was quoted as saying in Thursday's edition of the official China Daily newspaper. Several Asian countries have expressed concern over China's recent maritime moves, including its response to a ship collision last month off disputed islands in the East China Sea that plunged relations between China and Japan to a five-year low.

Myanmar says top general will not run in elections

HANOI, Vietnam (AP)—Myanmar's top leader Gen. Than Shwe will bow out of national elections next month, but his role in the country's political future remains unclear, a Southeast Asian diplomat said Thursday. The diplomat, speaking on condition of anonymity on the sidelines of an Asian summit in Vietnam, said Myanmar Foreign Minister Nyan Win told his counterparts that the longtime leader of the military-run country will not be on the ballot during the country's first elections in two decades on Nov. 7. "He will bow out of the scene," the diplomat said, citing what the Myanmar official said at an informal dinner Wednesday for delegates attending a summit for the Association of Southeast Asian Nations. "He will not be a candidate in the upcoming elections."

COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION

Job Vacancy Announcement

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JVA No. 11-001
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Opening Date 10/22/10
Closing Date: Until Filled

This is an un-graded position as required per Stipulated Order Number One (p. 19-21), Civil Case Number 08-0051, *United States of America vs. Commonwealth Utilities Corporation and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.*

Duties: The incumbent is under the immediate supervision of the Technical Manager for Oil (TMO) or under the immediate supervision of a separate reporting structure proposed in the staffing plan required by Paragraph 17 SO2. He/she is responsible for Environmental, Health, Safety and Security compliance at the CUC Facilities. The Environmental, Health, Safety and Security Officer ("EHSS Officer") shall be primarily responsible for assisting the TMO in overseeing all environmental assessment and cleanup projects, all oil spill prevention initiatives, preparedness and response operations and compliance activities and deliverables, on a daily basis, as required by the Stipulated Order. The EHSS Officers shall be the person responsible for maintaining regular contact with staff and contractors regarding Section 311CWA compliance issues. The EHSS OFFICER will have support the TMO in management and operations decisions for the oil related items required by the Stipulated Order. The EHSS OFFICER will be in charge of training, enforcement and in operational issues having to do with environmental, health, safety, and security compliance. The EHSS OFFICER further develops and executes programs to ensure effective identification and management of the EHSS risks posed by CUC's Operations and businesses, as well as seeking out opportunities to deliver both operational integrity and wider benefits to CUC via sustainability initiatives. The post holder is expected to enhance the management of risk in the CUC business stream and working with the Management team, use appropriate leadership processes and behaviors to mitigate risk. The role will encompass the implementation of EHSS programs including training, raising awareness, managing audits, reporting CUC EHSS compliance, providing technical expertise and support to CUC Management team as required. The EHSS Officer must be able to write, upgrade, certify, implement, and train CUC employees in any manual required by the Code of Federal Regulations in the conducting of CUC activities.

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Position Requirement at Entry: Completion of four (4) years of college, or its equivalent, with major work in engineering, science, industrial hygiene, or other field related to work with project management and/or environmental compliance, and one (1) to three (3) years of experience with oil spill prevention, preparedness and response, environmental assessment, construction oversight or power plant operations. Applicant must have an exceptional knowledge of U.S. Environmental laws and regulations pertaining to oil; knowledge and understanding of the contracting process. Good skills and experience working with regulators such as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and U.S. Coast Guard. The EHSS OFFICER must demonstrate the following: Proven management and communication skills; demonstrated ability to lead, motivate, and develop staff in the realm of health, safety, security and environmental awareness; experience with managing environmental and/or construction projects during periods of planning, design, and construction. Further, the EHSS OFFICER should have experience with the following: oil, oily water, water sampling and testing, IATA certified to ship petroleum sample, oil storage, use transportation and disposal; assessment and cleanup of contaminated sites; environmental compliance; development of statement of work, oversight of contractors; staff training and development; and federal oil spill prevention, preparedness and response requirements. Further the EHSS OFFICER shall have experience in conduction various training seminars, and record keeping for training and federal compliance. All the above is SUBJECT TO PRE-EMPLOYMENT DRUG TEST.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
CUC-RFP-11-005

LEASE OF OFFICE SPACE

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from individuals or firms for the lease of office space for its a Administrative and Operation in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The specification may be picked-up at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-RFP-11-005, Lease of Office Space"** to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM, (CST) local time on **November 05, 2010**. Late submission will not be considered.

The proposed office space must conform to American Disabilities Act (ADA), OSHA and CNMI Zoning requirements.

Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

All inquires must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (CST) local time on November 01, 2010 to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Jr., Procurement and Supply Manager via email msablan@cucgov.net; Mr. Charles Warren, Chief Financial Officer via email charles_warren@cucgov.net and Ms. Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email mika_muna@cucgov.net. CUC will respond to questions and clarifications, only to prospective Offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

/s/ **ABE U. MALAE**
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We, the family, humbly invite all of our relatives and friends to join us in prayers as we commemorate the passing of our dearly beloved unto eternal life.

Daily Mass will be offered every evening beginning on Wednesday, November 3, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the San Roque Church.

The Mass for Sunday, November 7, 2010 will be at 7:30 a.m. and back to 6:00 p.m. thereafter until the final day on Thursday, November 11, 2010.

Your presence, thoughts, and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase

Ginen I Familia.

IN HUMBLE GRATITUDE

Richard Borja Cruz

"Rich"

We, the family of the late Richard Borja Cruz, wish to extend our sincere appreciation to all our relatives and friends for your words of kindness during our most painful time of sorrow. Your prayers, friendship and gentle embrace have bought us great comfort.

Your presence and prayers at daily masses, nightly rosaries and most especially at the mass for Christian Burial were very comforting.

Your kindness has touched us all and we will always remember you in our hearts and prayers.

Dangkulo Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase

Lillian Basa Cruz, Children & families

Off the Wall

MT police: Man calls cab to make robbery getaway

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP)—Police in Montana say a man robbed a bank and then called a taxi to make his getaway, tipping the driver $5 just before squad cars surrounded the cab. Taxi driver James Anderson told the Missoulian the man was acting strangely when he picked him up at a Missoula coffee shop.

He said the man first asked to be taken to the University of Montana campus, but couldn't give Anderson a specific location. The man then asked to be taken to a hotel, but not before stopping to buy cigarettes.

The cab fare was $7.50, and Anderson said the man tipped him $5 as they arrived at the hotel. Officers then pulled up and surrounded the taxi with guns drawn.

Police allege the man earlier entered a downtown bank, told a teller he had a weapon and demanded money. No one was injured.

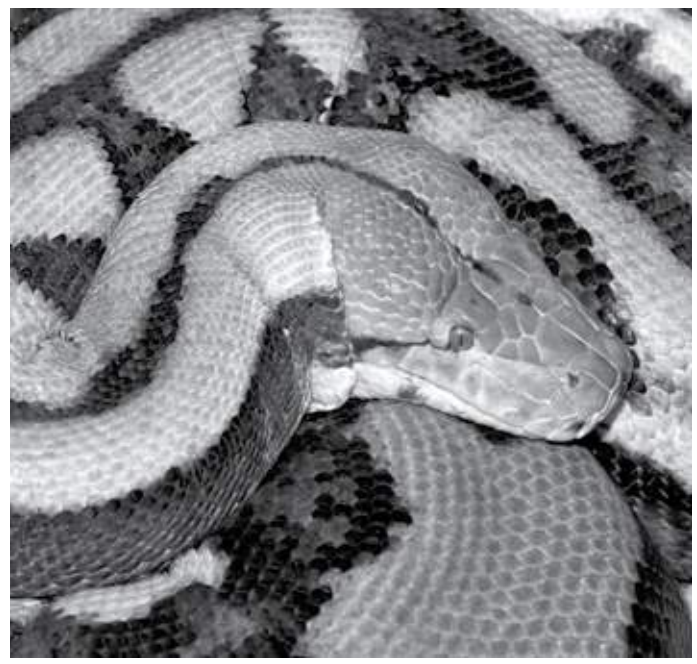
Charges have not yet been filed, and the man's name wasn't released.

Longest snake living in captivity dies in Ohio zoo

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—An Ohio zoo said the longest snake living in captivity has died. The Columbus Zoo and Aquarium said workers found the 24-foot python Wednesday morning dead from an apparent tumor. The snake, named Fluffy, held the Guinness World Record as the longest snake living in captivity. It was about as long as a moving van and as thick as a telephone pole. It weighed 300 pounds.

The 18-year-old reticulated python had drawn large crowds since the zoo got it in 2007.

Reticulated pythons are named for the cross-hatching patterns on their skin and average 10 to 20 feet long. The largest recorded one was 32 feet, 9 1/2 inches long when it was killed in 1912 in Indonesia.



AP

This undated photo released by the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium on Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2010, shows Fluffy, a reticulated python at the zoo.

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Bolivian cops detain woman who tried to mail mummy

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP)—Bolivian police said they've detained a woman who tried to mail a mummy to France. Police Col. Adolfo Cardenas said Tuesday a Peruvian woman tried to send the human remains from a post office in the town of Desaguadero along the Peruvian border. The destination was in the French city of Compiegne. The mummy was discovered in a routine check of the package. Cardenas said he doesn't know how old the mummy is, but says it was well-preserved and may have been from the Inca culture.

Calif. candidate mails scratch-and-sniff attack ad

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP)—Something stinks in Orange County. It's an attack ad mailed by Republican Congressional candidate Van Tran that paints a picture of incumbent Democratic lawmaker Loretta Sanchez as an insider politician. Tran's campaign manager George Andrews told the Orange County Register the mailer looks like a perfume ad and features a scratch-and-sniff patch that is supposed to smell like trash. The ad says: "It's the stench of Washington." Sanchez's campaign manager Caroline Hogan said the mailer is a gimmick in poor taste and the congresswoman has been campaigning on issues of importance to local families. Sanchez is facing the first serious challenge to her seat since she was elected in 1996.

Man on all-spud diet wishes he set goal of 1 month

MOSES LAKE, Wash. (AP)—The Washington state man who's on a 60-day all-potato diet wishes he would have set a goal of one month instead of two. Chris Voigt told the Tri-City Herald that—as good and healthy as potatoes are—there's only so many ways they can be prepared. And, about halfway through his tuber diet, he's had them boiled, baked, steamed, grilled, fried, marinated and mashed. The Moses Lake man is executive director of the Washington Potato Commission and is on a mission to prove spuds aren't junk food. For variety Voigt soaked one potato in pickle juice. And his wife made him potato ice cream.

NC candidate supports troops: Flier shows Germans

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP)—A North Carolina legislator is apologizing after a campaign flier meant to tout his support for U.S. troops featured a photo of World War II re-enactors dressed as German soldiers. The political consulting firm that produced the campaign piece for Democratic state Rep. Tim Spear said Wednesday it is solely responsible for the mistake. The campaign planned to send the flier to about 10,000 homes in Spear's coastal district. It said the legislator is "Covering Our Soldiers' Backs." But the photo showed the backs of four advancing re-enactors dressed in German army uniforms. Account executive Mike Brown at Washington, D.C.-based MSHC Partners said the firm's art department thought the photo captured Spear's message, but no one noticed it showed the wrong kind of troops.

North Dakota police arrest man in urinal shooting

WILLISTON, N.D. (AP)—Police in Williston arrested a man who allegedly shot a urinal in a local bar. Authorities say the 21-year-old man fired a shot from a .45-caliber handgun into a urinal in the bathroom at Whispers. Damage was estimated at $500. The Williston Herald reported that the man was arrested on charges of vandalism and discharging a firearm within city limits.

Science & Technology

Google showcases local businesses in a new 'place'

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Google Inc., world's most popular search engine, started rolling out a new way to show information about local businesses on Wednesday.

When Google detects that a search is for merchants or things to do in a specific city, it will now devote the entire results page to key data about the places mentioned in the request. For example, a query such as "San Francisco Mexican restaurants" might produce an entire page of results listing different places to eat, accompanied by a map, phone numbers, addresses and reviews.

Google traditionally has presented information about similar merchants in the same city over several pages. The company's engineers recognized this scattershot approach was frustrating users and making them do multiple searches.

The new system will begin affecting results Wednesday, although it could take several days before the new "Place Search" feature is available throughout the world. Google has sifted through hundreds of millions of Web pages to compile information about more than 50 million different locations.

Google expects the new feature to become a cornerstone of its service because more than 20 percent of its search requests include something about a particular location. When Google doesn't automatically detect a request is about a particular location, users will be able to re-focus the results by clicking on a "Places" link on the left side of the page.

Place Search is another example of how Google is taking what it has learned about its users' interests and desires to build features that attempt to anticipate what they want to know. Last month, it introduced "Instant Search" that shows results that change with each character typed into a request.

Google also is trying to boost revenue from local advertisers. If Place Search brings more people to Google, it will probably be able to persuade more small businesses to buy ads next to the results.

Barnes & Noble unveils color Nook e-reader

NEW YORK (AP)—Barnes & Noble Inc. is introducing a new Nook e-reader with a color touch screen for $249 as competition in the fast-growing industry heats up ahead of the holidays.

AP

Barnes & Noble Digital Products President Jamie Iannone , speaks during a news conference to launch the Nook e-reader with a color touch screen, Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2010 in New York.

As the first full-color touch electronic reader, the Nookcolor stands apart from black-and-white competitors like Amazon's Kindle. The device can be used to read books, magazines, newspapers and an expanded array of children's titles. It also takes hints from Apple Inc.'s iPad with more games, Web browsing, music streaming and its own application store. Like earlier versions, it runs on Google Inc.'s Android operating system.

Barnes & Noble, which announced the product Tuesday, said it will begin taking orders for the device online and in stores on Wednesday and begins shipping in mid-November.

"I think Barnes & Noble did a pretty good job presenting this device as its own e-reader instead of just a cheaper version of the iPad," said Simba Information analyst Michael Norris. "It is focused on the reading experience."

E-readers are again expected to be popular holiday gifts, but competition has exploded over the past year—especially since Apple released the iPad in April. New models and price cuts for Amazon.com's Kindle and new offerings from Kobo, Sony and others intend to compete with the iPad and other tablet computers.

Nookcolor's features include full-color display on the new 7-inch screen; earlier versions offer color only on the bottom half of a dual-screen. It is lightweight at about a pound, making it easy to grasp while holding a cup of coffee in the other hand, and its battery is estimated to last roughly 8 hours between charges.

Apple says white iPhone 4 delayed until spring

SEATTLE (AP)—Apple says the elusive white iPhone 4 will remain out of reach until spring.

Apple Inc.'s own "Apple Store" iPhone app lets people reserve products to pick up at local Apple stores. On Tuesday, bloggers posted screen shots of the app appearing to offer the option to reserve a white iPhone 4. By late afternoon, that option was no longer available.

Trudy Muller, an Apple spokeswoman, says the company is sorry to disappoint customers with another delay. She did not give reasons for the delay, but Apple said in July that the white models are "more challenging to manufacture than we originally expected."

Apple had hoped to make the phones available sometime late this year.

Innocuous-seeming link likely infected PC

By STEVE ALEXANDER
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

QUESTION: Our Windows 7 computer is not functioning properly online. In an e-mail I received, I clicked a button to complete a survey and was taken to an Internet page to fill it out. But when I was done, I couldn't submit the survey.

In addition, when I try to load favorite Web pages, I sometimes get a blank page even though the Web address at the top of the page is correct. And on one occasion I logged into a website but found I wasn't able to do anything there.

Our security software says there are no viruses. What's wrong?—Kathy MacKinnon, Kanata, Ontario

ANSWER: The odd behavior of your PC suggests that it is infected with some malware, which you probably got by clicking on an e-mail link to complete a survey.

The survey was likely bogus, and the Web page you were taken to probably downloaded a virus or something of that ilk. It's possible the malware has made itself invisible to your security software.

The rule for e-mail is this: Never click on e-mail links unless you know and trust the sender. There's no guarantee that the Web page the link takes you to is legitimate, no matter how authentic it may look.

To bring your PC back to normal, go to malwarebytes.org and download the free version of the Malwarebytes program, which seems to find things that other security programs don't.

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Q: I live in St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands, and continue to have a problem with the Netflix and Blockbuster video services that provide movies and TV shows over the Internet.

When I try to view movies, I get a message that says the service is not available outside the U.S. It seems stupid that these companies would cut themselves out of a large market within the U.S. territories. Is there any way I can get around this annoying problem?—Debra Stevens, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

A: Probably not. Netflix announced last month that its first streaming video service outside the U.S. would be in Canada only. I asked Netflix about service in St. Thomas, but haven't gotten a response. Blockbuster is in bankruptcy, so while it continues to offer downloadable rentals, it's hard to tell if the service will expand.

You can try another service, such as streaming TV shows from Hulu.com or the websites of the ABC, CBS and NBC TV networks. Or you could download movies from iTunes.

Note that streaming video works best when your Internet connection has a download speed of several million bits per second.

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Jesse Eisenberg, Justin Timberlake
Drama • Rated PG 13
Synopsis
The story behind the massive social networking site Facebook gets the big-screen treatment with this Columbia Pictures production scripted by The West Wing's Aaron Sorkin. The film will focus on Harvard student Mark Zuckerberg's ladder to the top after creating one of the biggest Internet sensations.

I Do
Friday 4:20 7:20 9:30
Saturday 1:20 4:20 7:20 9:30
Sunday 1:20 4:20 7:20
Mon through Thurs 4:20 7:20
Enchong Dee, Erich Gonzales
Romantic Comedy • Rated NR
Synopsis
It is topbilled by Enchong Dee and Erich Gonzales. Members of its cast include Pokwang, Dennis Padilla, Melai Cantiveros, Jason Francisco and Nash Aguas. The movie is inspired by a true story of young couple who were trying to fight for their relationship.

Paranormal Activity 2
Friday 4:30 7:30 10:00
Saturday 1:30 4:30 7:30 10:00
Sunday 1:30 4:30 7:30
Mon through Thurs 4:30 7:30
Katie Featherston, Micah Sloat
Thriller • Rated R
Synopsis
Spooky hauntings are once again the main course in this Paramount Pictures follow-up to Oren Peli's wildly successful supernatural thriller, Paranormal Activity. Kip Williams directs from a script by Michael Perry.

Jackass 3
Friday 4:00 7:00 9:40
Saturday 1:00 4:00 7:00 9:40
Sunday 1:00 4:00 7:00
Mon through Thurs 4:00 7:00
Johnny Knoxville, Bam Margera
Comedy • Rated R

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Friday 4:15 7:15 9:50
Saturday 1:15 4:15 7:15 9:50
Sunday 1:15 4:15 7:15
Mon through Thurs 4:15 7:15
Bruce Willis, Morgan Freeman
Thriller, Action • Rated PG 13

Easy A
Friday 4:10 7:10 9:45
Saturday 1:10 4:10 7:10 9:45
Sunday 1:10 4:10 7:10
Mon through Thurs 4:10 7:10
Emma Stone, Penn Badgley
Comedy • Rated PG 13

Nanny McPhee Returns
Friday 4:05 7:05 9:35
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Emma Thomson, Maggie Gyllenhaal
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Journal of son's life is gift worthy of special occasion

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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DEAR ABBY: I have been keeping a journal for my son since he was born 22 years ago. I have never missed a single day. I write about him regardless of whether I see him or not. Sometimes I'll jot down a verse I remembered, or something happening in his world or an item of newsworthy information. I have also written my thoughts about his life and decisions.

My dilemma is when I should give these writings to him. I don't want to keep them indefinitely because they are meant for him. He is married and has a son on the way. My inclination is to give him the writings of his life on the occasion of his son's birth. He has no idea I've been doing this, so it will be a complete surprise. I'd appreciate your input.

BLOCKED WRITER IN OKLAHOMA

DEAR BLOCKED WRITER: What an amazing gift those journals will be. However, allow me to caution you against giving them to your son when his child is born. There will be a lot going on at that time, and you do not want to distract from that momentous occasion. My advice is to wait until his next milestone birthday and present them to him when he's 25. And because you enjoy journaling, consider starting one about your own life then.

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DEAR ABBY: I have always enjoyed Halloween. I like seeing the children in their costumes and, for most of the little ones, it is a fun and magical time.

In our neighborhood, a group of 15 to 20 parents escort their trick-or-treating children from door to door. Sometimes there are 25 to 30 kids. When they approach a house for their treats, the parents remain on the sidewalk, apparently oblivious to what's going on when the door opens.

We have a small front porch that rises about 8 inches above the sidewalk. The kids push and shove, jockeying for position to get their "loot." Last year, a 5-year-old fell off our porch. Fortunately, she was not hurt. The parents did not issue any directions to their children to take turns accepting our candy because they were too busy chatting among themselves.

Because of the inherent danger to unsupervised children (and the possibility of a lawsuit if there should be an accident), I will not be turning on my porch light this year—the signal in our area that alerts kids that the home is participating in trick-or-treat.

I hope my letter will remind parents to practice mindfulness and make this Sunday a Happy Halloween!

LIGHTS OUT IN HARRISBURG

DEAR LIGHTS OUT: So do I, and that's why I'm printing your letter, which arrived just in time for me to include it in today's column. Last year your neighbors were lucky the child who fell didn't break a wrist or an ankle. Parents, when escorting your little ghosts, goblins and vampires, please remain vigilant. Common sense must prevail.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm in love with my best friend. It seems so simple when I say it, but when it comes to telling him, the words never come out right. I don't know if I should even say anything. What if it ruins the amazing friendship we already have? Is it worth risking it all?

HESITANT IN FLORIDA

DEAR HESITANT: Yes, it is, so tell him how you feel. If he has feelings for you, you'll get what you're angling for. If he doesn't, it does not mean your friendship must end. It will let you know that if you want a romantic relationship you are free to look elsewhere. Better to know it sooner than later.

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007's Aston Martin sells for $4.1M in London

LONDON (AP)—One of the world's most famous James Bond cars—the specially equipped silver Aston Martin first driven by Sean Connery in "Goldfinger"—was auctioned off Wednesday in London for 2.6 million pounds ($4.1 million.)

The unique car, which boasts an ejector seat, machine guns, rotating license plates and other spy gear, was initially expected to go for more than 3.5 million pounds ($5.5 million).

"This is the only genuine, 007 James Bond car," said Mick Walsh, Editor-in-Chief of Classic and Sports Car Magazine.

It was bought by Harry Yeaggy, an American classic cars collector who has a small private museum in Ohio.

"We'd ride it around the streets of London tonight," he told the BBC.

He said the fact the iconic Aston Martin has never been auctioned before meant it had tremendous appeal to collectors.

"It's never been on the market before, and with the classic car scene it's very important to see something new," he said.

He said it was likely the car would end up on public display, perhaps as the centerpiece of an upscale office complex in a city like Los Angeles or Moscow.

AP

Jerry Lee of Philadelphia, and current owner of the 'James Bond' 1964 Aston Martin DB5, stands by the car as it is viewed by the media, in London, Tuesday, Oct., 26, 2010.

Bond's creator, newspaperman and novelist Ian Fleming, had originally placed Bond in a Bentley, which was his own personal car of choice. But the filmmakers put him in the Aston Martin, which then competed mainly with the Jaguar E-type for the lucrative British and American sports car market.

Aston Martin was seen as a heady mix of Italian design and British engineering.

The silver Aston Martin DB5 coupe auctioned Wednesday was used by Connery to elude various villains in both "Goldfinger" and "Thunderball"—generally regarded as early classics in Hollywood's longest running and most successful film franchise.

It is closely associated with the Connery-era Bond films, which are often preferred by aficionados, who rate him above George Lazenby, Roger Moore, Timothy Dalton, Pierce Brosnan and the current 007, Daniel Craig.

The use of the Aston Martin, with a rear bulletproof shield that could be activated with the push of a dashboard button, provided a major boost for the British carmaker, which received worldwide publicity when the car was featured in "Goldfinger" in 1964.

It was the Bond movies that made Aston Martin a household name, even though its handmade cars remained far too expensive for most.

The street version of the Aston Martin DB5 was released in 1963 and had a top speed of 145 miles (233 kilometers) per hour.

The car auctioned by RM Auctions Automobiles of London is one of two Aston Martins factory-modified for use in the early Bond films, and it is the only surviving example.

Arquette hopes truth about Cox split helps others

NEW YORK (AP)—David Arquette says he hopes talking openly about his separation from Courteney Cox can help others in similar situations.

Arquette

"A lot of people are going through stuff like that, and it just helps to kind of hear a celebrity that's experiencing the same kind of things," Arquette said in an interview with The Associated Press on Wednesday.

Arquette, 39, and Cox, 46, confirmed their separation earlier this month after 11 years of marriage. They have one child.

Arquette, who starred in the "Scream" movies and "Never Been Kissed," has received some criticism for calling in to Howard Stern's radio show since going public about the split from Cox and revealing intimate details of their relationship, such as why they separated and what their sex life was like. Arquette most recently called in to Stern Wednesday morning.

He says his latest on-air chat with Stern was a scheduled appointment and he didn't want to break it. He also just wants to be honest with someone he trusts.

"I love Howard Stern," he said. "I think he's the most honest journalist out there. ... He's been so supportive of me and defended me. ... I didn't want to let him down."

Arquette said he realizes he's ruffled some feathers with his honesty: "I know I probably offend some people. I have been talking a little too much so I'm trying not to talk as much."

Arquette said one way he's been able to divert from the separation from Cox, star of the TV series "Friends" and "Cougar Town," is focusing on his professional career.

ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

Billy Ray Cyrus and wife announce divorce

NEW YORK (AP)—Billy Ray Cyrus and wife Tish are ending their 17-year marriage. The parents of teen sensation Miley Cyrus have filed for divorce. In a statement released Wednesday, the pair said it was a "very difficult time for our family." They said they were trying to "work through some personal matters" and they appreciated support. Though 17-year-old Miley is the biggest star in the family now, it was Billy Ray Cyrus who put the Cyrus name on the map in 1992 with the instant classic "Achy Breaky Heart."

10 emerging writers each receive $50,000

NEW YORK (AP)—Ten emerging writers have each received a $50,000 boost and a prestigious award. The Mrs. Giles Whiting Foundation announced Wednesday that three poets, three fiction writers, three nonfiction writers and one playwright have been named recipients of the Whiting Writers' Award, given for "exceptional talent and promise in early career." Past winners of the prizes founded in 1985 include Jonathan Franzen, Michael Cunningham and Justin Cronin.

Actor Randy Quaid, wife released from custody

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP)—Actor Randy Quaid and his wife Evi have been released from a Canadian detention facility after she was declared a Canadian citizen, Canadian border officials said Wednesday. The Quaids were arrested last Thursday in a shopping area of a posh Vancouver, British Columbia, neighborhood and were jailed on outstanding U.S. warrants related to vandalism charges. The Quaids are wanted in Santa Barbara, California, where they missed a court hearing Monday on felony vandalism charges. The Canada Border Services Agency confirmed in a statement that Evi Quaid is a citizen of Canada.

Urgent plea for testing Michael Jackson items

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Arguing that evidence is deteriorating, defense lawyers for the doctor charged in Michael Jackson's death are seeking urgent testing of two syringes and an IV bag found in the singer's mansion after his death.

Attorneys for Dr. Conrad Murray said during a 40-minute closed session with a judge that liquids in one of the syringes had already dried up and was now "salt," according to a transcript of the proceeding obtained Wednesday by The Associated Press.

Quantities of substances in the syringes and IV bag could be crucial to explaining how the singer died, the lawyers said at the Tuesday hearing.

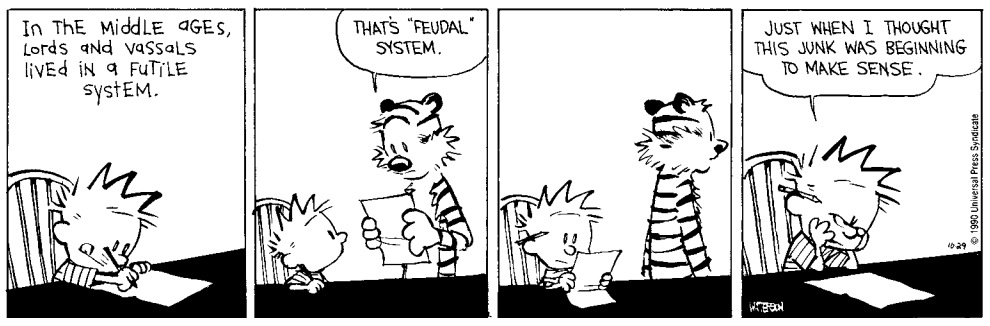
Murray has pleaded not guilty to involuntary manslaughter. Authorities contend he administered a lethal dose of sedatives, including the anesthetic propofol, to Jackson in the bedroom of his rented mansion in June 2009.

Officials tested what was in the items and found traces of propofol and lidocaine, according to the transcript. But the amounts of the substances were not determined, and defense attorneys contend that may be significant in the case expected to hinge on technical and scientific data.

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


In THE MIDDLE AGES, lords and vassals lived in a futile system.
THAT'S "FEUDAL" SYSTEM.
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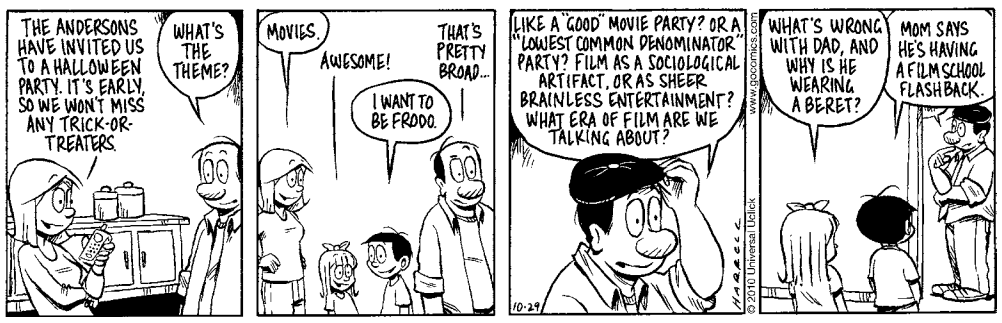
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WHAT'S THE THEME?
MOVIES.
AWESOME!
I WANT TO BE FRODO.
THAT'S PRETTY BROAD...
LIKE A "GOOD" MOVIE PARTY? OR A "LOWEST COMMON DENOMINATOR" PARTY? FILM AS A SOCIOLOGICAL ARTIFACT, OR AS SHEER BRAINLESS ENTERTAINMENT? WHAT ERA OF FILM ARE WE TALKING ABOUT?
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MOM SAYS HE'S HAVING A FILM SCHOOL FLASHBACK.
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The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

I DON'T THINK ANYONE'S HOME, MOLLY. THE PORCH LIGHT IS OUT.
IT'S WORTH A SHOT, JACK.
HURRY, FANG! HERE COME SOME TRICK-OR-TREATERS. GET READY.
DO YOU WANT ME TO GET OUT THE CANDY BOWL?
NO. TURN ON THE LAWN SPRINKLERS.
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CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Lawyers' org.
4 Predicament
7 Was able to
12 In need of repair
13 Work with
14 Permanent prisoner
15 Scarlet
16 Thomas Bulfinch's subject
18 — Aviv
19 Tartan pattern
20 Pinnacle
22 Last (Abbr.)
23 "Bye"
27 Slippery tree
29 Japanese governor
31 Unaccompanied
34 Strong adhesive
35 Offer unwanted advice
37 "CSI" evidence
38 Largest of the seven
39 A Gabor sister
41 Pizzazz
45 Analgesics' targets
47 Fresh
48 "The Da Vinci Code" field
52 Compete
53 Reverent
54 Author Deighton
55 Individual
56 Tending to mimic
57 Curved path
58 Still

DOWN
1 Heart line
2 Censor's sound
3 Confuse
4 Leap
5 Sanctuary
6 Platinum, e.g.
7 Oaf
8 Lubricant
9 Venusian vessel
10 Journey segment
11 Parched
17 Bat stats
21 Ohio city
23 November birthstone
24 Past
25 Formal wear
26 Whatever amount
28 Allow
30 Coop denizen
31 Wanted poster abbr.
32 Grafton's "— for Lawless"
33 Kimono closer
36 Fervor
37 Peril
40 String instrument
42 Ambassador's aide
43 Paris' river
44 Comment in 140 characters or fewer
45 Luxurious
46 Harmonization
48 Resort
49 Puppy's call
50 "Ostentatious? —?!"
51 Clear the tables

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 10-29

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Ben Foster, 30; Gabrielle Union, 38; Winona Ryder, 39; Richard Dreyfuss, 63

Happy Birthday: Take the initiative. Make the first move. You have everything within reach if you put forth the effort. It's all about change and altering the things in your life you aren't happy with. Self-improvements made now will lead to all sorts of opportunities. There is always room for positive alterations. Your numbers are 5, 13, 19, 22, 26, 30, 41

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Don't take what others say to heart. Constructive criticism may not be easy to swallow but it will help you make improvements. Don't let someone put unreasonable demands on you. You have more to offer than you realize. ✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): A family affair will help you make a decision regarding where you live and the lifestyle you've been accustomed to. A change will help you manage your money better. Love and romance should be the focus of your day. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): There is work to do and the person who does the best job with the least amount of fuss will get the big prize. Be specific as well as creative and you will get the deal you've been hoping for. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Take the plunge and follow your dreams, hopes and wishes. If you push your ideas and present what you have to offer with a little flair, you will attract the kind of attention required to reach your goals. Love is in the stars. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Don't give in to emotional blackmail. If someone you love or to whom you are close tries to get something from you for nothing, put a stop to it. Take any opportunity to travel or socialize. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Listen and observe. Preparation will be the prerequisite to winning. A change in the way you do things will surprise others and give you the edge. Love is in your corner. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Concentrate on work and getting ahead, not on your personal life or problems you face at home. Securing your position will help you feel more at ease about the developments you are facing in your personal life. ✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Take a trip or plan something special that entails love and romance. You can take up a new hobby or practice a craft you enjoy. Now is the time for pleasure and enjoyment so get out with friends, your lover or new people. ✪✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): The future may be dependent on how others perceive you and what you do. Give your all and don't be afraid to ask for advice along the way. Your desire to please may even counteract some of the negativity going on in your life. ✪✪✪

CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Don't stop believing in yourself and what you can do. Ask the one you love or the people with whom you spend most of your time to help you complete a project you are excited about. The contributions will lead to your success. ✪✪✪✪✪

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AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Not everything you are told will be factual. Get a second opinion from someone with experience. You can learn personally and professionally from your past. Don't make the same mistake twice. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Relax and enjoy the things you like to do most. People, places and pastimes will all come into play. An agreement or settlement can be resolved, enabling you to make decisions regarding your future. ✪✪✪✪✪

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 10/29

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 10/28

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

AUTUMN FUN **Solution: 7 letters**

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Yesterday's Answer: Chopsticks

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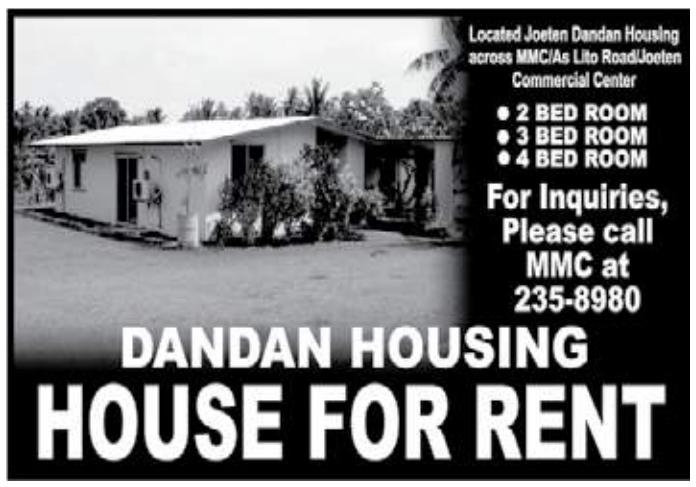
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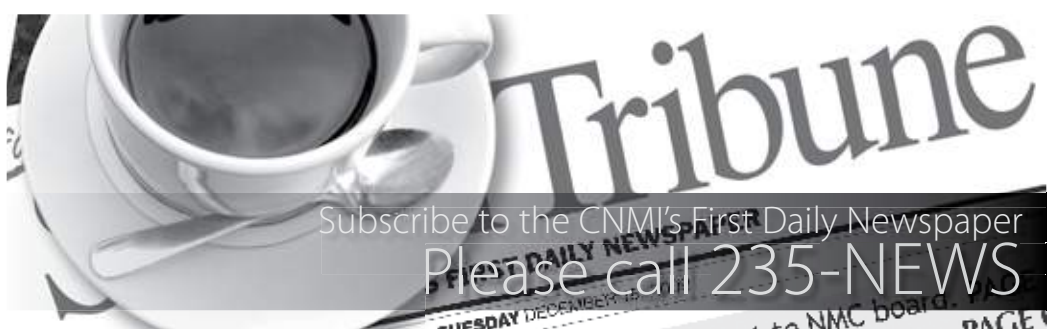

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IN RE THE MATTER OF THE APPOINTMENT OF LESLEY ANN PANGELINAN & THOMAS CH. BAZA AS GUARDIAN OF THE ESTATE OF: D. K. P. B. Minor Child by LESLEY ANN PANGELINAN & THOMAS CH. BAZA Petitioner	**Civil Action No. 10-0535** **NOTICE OF HEARING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for Appointment of Guardian for the estate of the above-named minor child by Lesley Ann Pangelinan and Thomas CH. Baza, Petitioners, was filed with the above-entitled Honorable Court.

A HEARING of said petition for Guardianship will held at the above-entitled Honorable Court at Superior Court before the Honorable Kenneth L. Govendo on the 18th day of November 2010 at 1:30 P. M. or as soon as thereafter.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. KYLE E.M. ULECHONG and JENNIFER N.W. ULECHONG, Defendants.	**Civil Action No. 09-0407** **AMENDED SUMMONS**

TO: THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS, KYLE E.M. ULECHONG and JENNIFER N.W. ULECHONG:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO APPEAR by the 21st day after the fourth date of publication of this AMENDED SUMMONS and defend the above entitled action in the CNMI SUPERIOR COURT, at the Office of Clerk of Court, CNMI SUPERIOR COURT, 1st Floor, Guma' Hustisia, Iimwal Aweewe, House of Justice, Susupe Village, P.O. Box 500307, Saipan MP 96950-0307; and answer the Complaint for Foreclosure by Plaintiff Marianas Public Land Trust, and serve a copy of your answer upon **Robert Tenorio Torres**, attorney for Plaintiff Marianas Public Land Trust, at **Plata Drive, Whispering Palms (Chalan Kiya), P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950**; and in case of failure to do so, a default will be rendered against you according to the demand of the Petition, which has been filed with the Clerk of Court.

So **ORDERED** this 25th day of November, 2009.

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Sanchez, Giants batter Lee in World Series opener

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Somebody forgot to tell the San Francisco Giants that batting practice was over.

Because once Freddy Sanchez and those Giant bats finished teeing off on Cliff Lee in the World Series opener, the Texas Rangers were done, too.

The Giants battered Lee and the bullpen, with Sanchez hitting three doubles and keying a six-run burst in an 11-7 romp Wednesday night that looked even more lopsided.

So much for the unbeatable Mr. Lee.

"You never think you're going to have success against a pitcher like that," Sanchez said. "He's one of the best pitchers in the game, been unhittable in the postseason."

What shaped up as a pitchers' duel between Tim Lincecum and Lee quickly deteriorated into a rout. By the end, the Rangers played like the World Series rookies they are—they made four errors for the first time 2008, Ian Kinsler took a mistaken turn around first base and manager Ron Washington may have waited too late to pull his ace.

"It wasn't quite the game we thought it would be," Giants manager Bruce Bochy said. "Great pitchers, sometimes they're a little bit off."

Just like that, the Giants added Lee to their hit list. They have now handed Lee, Roy Halladay and Roy Oswalt their first career losses in the postseason—all in the last few weeks.

Sanchez sprayed balls down the lines. Cody Ross and Aubrey Huff hit line drives up the middle. Juan Uribe launched a shot far, far over the wall.

"I think it's just baseball. That's the only thing you can say," Sanchez said. "This is a crazy game."

Former Giants slugger Barry Bonds had plenty to cheer for from his seat next to the San Francisco dugout, especially when a tie game suddenly became an 8-2 thumping in the fifth inning. Rangers president and part-owner Nolan Ryan sat there glumly in a suit and tie, his prized pitcher a wreck.

"I was trying to make adjustments," Lee said. "I was up. I was down. I was in. I was out. I was trying to find it, and I was never really consistent with what I was doing."

Lee came into the game with a 7-0 record and a 1.26 ERA in postseason play. Texas gave him an early 2-0 lead, but the Giants swung things in their favor in a hurry.

"We weren't too worried," Sanchez said. "We were actually surprisingly calm in there. We were able to get some things going. ... We still felt like we had a chance.

"We know he throws a lot of strikes," he said. "We know he's one of the best pitchers in the game, especially in the postseason. We just wanted to attack him early."

And they did. Lee threw first-pitch strikes to 15 batters and seven of those hitters swung.

"I saw the Giants work him pretty good," Washington said. "We left some pitches in spots we didn't want."

The Rangers did late damage, scoring three times in the ninth. Nelson Cruz hit a two-out, two-run double off Brian Wilson before the Fear the Beard closer finished it off.

Added up, the Giants improved to 10-0 against Texas at AT&T Park. Showers are in the forecast for Game 2 on Thursday night when Matt Cain and his 0.00 ERA in two playoff starts takes on C.J. Wilson and the Rangers.

Sanchez finished with four of the Giants' 14 hits, which included six doubles. Right after Lee trotted off the mound in the fifth, Uribe greeted sidearming reliever Darren O'Day with a three-run jolt that broke it open.

Sanchez became the first player to hit a double in each of his first three Series at-bats. He nearly had a fourth, too, but the play was scored a single and an error.

San Francisco had gotten through the NL playoffs because of its dominant pitching, plus an ability to win one-run decisions. None of that came into play on this beautiful night for baseball.

Lincecum struggled at the beginning, making a strange mental error, but settled down as the game progressed. The shaggy-haired ace walked off to a standing ovation in the sixth, his glove in his right hand and his head down.

AP

San Francisco Giants' Freddy Sanchez hits an RBI double scoring Edgar Renteria during the third inning of Game 1 of baseball's World Series against the Texas Rangers on Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2010, in San Francisco.

At that start, he admitted, nerves got the best of him. He still couldn't explain how he let Michael Young escape a rundown.

"Maybe a little bit because it is the World Series. It's a first for a lot of us and different kind of atmosphere," he said. "Obviously, I just kind of got outside of myself there."

The Rangers nailed Lincecum for eight hits, two of them shots off his left leg.

What happened to Lee was simply puzzling.

Lee came into the game one win shy of matching the record set by Orlando "El Duque" Hernandez for the best start to a postseason career.

But the lefty who loves to stick to his routine—and his messy hat—was all over the place on eight days' rest. He couldn't control his curve and when he did throw it over the plate, it was flat.

Lee was tagged for seven runs and eight hits in 4 2-3 innings.

"You never see him do that badly," Cruz said. "My guess is it was the layoff but there are no excuses."

With the score 2-all, Andres Torres hit a one-out double in the Giants fifth. Sanchez, a former NL batting champion, followed with a sharp double and Texas pitching coach Mike Maddux was already on the way to the mound as the Rangers got the ball back to Lee.

There was no break for Lee, however.

Ross, the NL championship series MVP, hit his first major league homer off Lee back in 2003. This time, he lined an RBI single up the middle on the lefty's 100th pitch. That hit prompted Lee to slam his pitching hand into his glove, and Huff's RBI single to center finished him.

Coming off a couple of big at-bats in the NLCS, Uribe capped the big inning by connecting on the third pitch from O'Day. The homer was accompanied by sights and sounds that make AT&T Park unique—burst from a fog horn and blasts from a water cannon.

"We just clicked on all cylinders," Bochy said.

The last time the Giants had scored six runs in an inning during the postseason was in the 1937 World Series.

The Giants have not won the World Series since moving West from New York. Texas made its first Series appearance in the franchise's 50th season.

This has been the Year of the Pitcher, especially in the postseason. Yet Lincecum and Lee hardly looked like Cy Young winners. Instead of expert Cys, there were exasperated sighs on both sides.

Neither team looked especially sharp at the start, in fact, mixing physical and mental mistakes. Big-game jitters? The twilight start? Whatever. When Tony Bennett sang his famed "I Left My Heart in San Francisco" on the field after the first inning, it was easy to wonder where the Giants and Rangers had left their gloves and minds.

"Oh, yeah, for sure. That's a new experience for most of the people here," Texas shortstop Elvis Andrus said.

Lincecum seemed caught in a fog, inexplicably losing track of the runners and outs in the opening inning.

Vladimir Guerrero hit a one-hopper off Lincecum's leg for an RBI single, leaving Rangers at the corners. The slight righty then fielded a tapper by Cruz in front of the plate, but simply let Young scamper back to third. Lincecum buckled down with the bases loaded, getting Kinsler to ground into an inning-ending double play.

After the heady Sanchez was doubled off second on Buster Posey's shallow fly in the bottom of the first, Texas struck again in the second.

Cheered during pregame introductions, former Giants catcher Bengie Molina heard groans after a leadoff single. Lee bluffed a bunt, pulled back and lined a double that made him 4 for 12 (.333) lifetime in the postseason.

From the dugout, all the Rangers clenched their hands in a claw - the team's signal for a big play. Lee merely stuck his hands out to side, as if to say, "What luck!" Andrus' sacrifice fly made it 2-0.

A misplayed grounder by Young at third base helped the Giants get even in the third. Sanchez lined an RBI double just past Young's glove and scored the tying run on Posey's single.

Bumbles & fumbles as Texas falls 11-7 to Giants

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Bumbling on the bases and fumbling on the field didn't help the Texas Rangers.

Nor did their manager.

That's what a first World Series appearance will do to a team.

In Wednesday night's dismal 11-7 loss to the San Francisco Giants, Texas resembled the woeful Washington Senators of its expansion roots far more than the exciting team that won a surprise American League pennant.

"We have to find ourselves the next game," Bengie Molina said.

Cliff Lee looked nothing like the ace who had gone 7-0 in eight postseason starts. Meanwhile, Texas became the first team in six years to make four errors in a World Series game.

Ian Kinsler got tagged out when he took a turn past first base on a ball he thought rolled away but didn't.

Michael Young let Edgar Renteria's leadoff grounder to third kick off his glove for an error that led to San Francisco leveling the score in a two-run third inning.

Shortstop Elvis Andrus misplayed Tim Lincecum's grounder in the fifth, and Vladimir Guerrero—inserted into right field in the NL park rather than his usual designated hitter slot—let two hits skip by for errors in a three-run eighth. The Rangers hadn't made four errors in a game in more than two years.

"Usually, a team makes errors, you're going to find a way to score off them," Young said. "But we've been a great defensive team all season long, so this isn't really something we're going to lose sleep over."

Guerrero had played just once in the outfield since the start of September.

"Nobody is perfect," he said. "I made a couple of mistakes. I'm not going to put my head down. I have to be ready for tomorrow. I wanted to play, and it was the manager's decision to put me in there."

By the time Lee labored through 32 pitches in the third it was clear he wasn't nearly the unhittable, dominant pitcher who went 3-0 in the AL playoffs against Tampa Bay and the Yankees. The one who allowed two runs in 24 innings.

Maybe manager Ron Washington couldn't believe his eyes, either. His bullpen was empty until the Giants were ahead 3-2 on consecutive doubles by Andres Torres and Freddy Sanchez off the fading Lee. Not until Lee went to a full count on Pat Burrell did Darren O'Day sprint down the right-field line to the bullpen. Burrell walked and Cody Ross and Aubrey Huff hit RBI singles that made it 5-2.

Washington insisted he didn't have O'Day get up too late. He thought Lee would get through the trouble.

"He was still in control," he said.

With O'Day hardly having time to warm up, Juan Uribe homered on the side-armer's third pitch, sending it into the left-field bleachers for an 8-2 lead.

O'Day thought he had sufficient time to get ready.

"I was good. In the playoffs, you throw out what inning you normally come in. You have to be ready any time," he said. "I had to come in with a strike. I got down 2-0 and threw a fastball down the middle, and he hit the home run."

Andrus admitted the Rangers showed World Series jitters.

"Oh, yeah, for sure. That's a new experience for most of the people here," he said

And now the Rangers won't have their ace, Lee, until they get to Game 5. If they get to Game 5.

Not much time to regroup.

"When you lose, it's just a loss. You're 0-1. So tomorrow, we've just got to get it together and see what happens," Molina said. "The great thing about this team is that we don't think about the loss."

Heat beat 76ers in 1st win for Big 3

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—LeBron James and his new teammates are playing like a work in progress, not a title contender.

Relax, Heat fans. There's plenty of time for the triumphant trio to work out the kinks.

James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh have their first win with Miami, and the Big Three got help from some big 3s in the Heat's 97-87 victory over the Philadelphia 76ers on Wednesday night.

"We're not at our peak, we're not even close," Wade said. "Eventually when it's time to be there, we will."

Playing with purpose a night after an 88-80 loss in a hyped showdown with Boston, the three looked as if they still need some games to get used to playing with each other. Only Wade, with 30 points, looked particularly sharp against the Sixers. The Heat hit three straight 3-pointers in the third quarter to bust open an eight-point halftime lead.

James relied almost entirely on his left hand and scored 16 points, and Bosh had 15.

James and the Heat just couldn't squash the Sixers, who went on a 15-3 run late in the fourth to make it surprisingly competitive.

Wade was bothered by a strained right hamstring in the preseason. His tough driving layup gave him 30 points—on 10-for-20 shooting—sealed the win. He as just 4 for 16 in the opener.

"I got in a comfort zone," Wade said. "I missed some shots around the basket, but it's coming."

A James—not LeBron—sparked the Heat. James Jones hit 6-of-9 3s and scored 20 points. The Heat shot 50 percent from 3-point range—enough to make up for tough shooting nights from James and Bosh (combined 11 for 24). James had nine turnovers.

"When we have our long ball going like that, it's unlimited what we can do offensively," James said.

Up next, Friday's home opener against Orlando.

For all the buzz surrounding the Heat, there were plenty of patches of empty seats in the announced sellout crowd of 20,389 in the Sixers' home opener.

Evan Turner led the Sixers with 16 points in his first NBA game. Lou Williams and Thaddeus Young had 15.

All three came off the bench to help the Sixers outscore the Heat 33-17 in the fourth.

"We know every night we go out, a team is going to want to beat the Miami Heat," James said. "Especially on the road, you're going to have the opposing crowd on you all game."

James heard the loudest boos when he was introduced from fans that can deliver them as vociferously as any city in the league. He heard them occasionally during the game, but the volume was turned down and the noise mostly disappeared as the Heat pulled away.

"I've been booed my whole NBA career," James said. "They boo you because they love the way you play basketball."

One fan's sign called James "LeBum, the lyin' King" while another read "I witnessed no championship."

James was slow to warm up, and played the first quarter like it was a preseason game. He was whistled for a travel, an offensive foul and threw the ball out of bounds off a drive down the lane.

James drew a crowd of onlookers during warmups, including several members of the Philadelphia Flyers.

Before the game, James said he already forgotten all about the Boston loss. He didn't seem to care about suggestions that teams were playing harder with a chance to shine against the marquee team in the NBA.

"I've been a friend of that bulls-eye for a long time," James said.

Jones was the one right on target.

He hit four 3s during a 16-2 run in the second quarter that gave the Heat a 49-41 lead at the break. For most of the first half, the fired-up Sixers gave Miami a bit of a run. In Doug Collins' first game as coach, the Sixers led 26-24 until Jones sparked a 10-0 run with the first 3 of his spurt.

Jones, who considered retirement because of a wrist injury, showed he has plenty of game left.

"This is a game that I love and I had to sit down and say if I couldn't be effective, if I couldn't regain my form, I would have to consider doing something else," he said.

The Heat kept rolling from long distance in the third quarter. Jones hit two around one from Eddie House and the lead was 76-51. Miami was up 80-54 after three.

As for the Sixers, Collins said before the game his pieces didn't all fit. It showed when he started Jason Kapono—one of the team leaders in DNP-CD's last season. Kapono and starters Spencer Hawes and Jru Holiday combined for eight points. The starting lineup did not attempt a single free throw.

"My starters are not necessarily my best players, that's why I said don't get caught up in who's starting," Collins said.

AP

Miami Heat forward Dwyane Wade (3) goes to the basket during the second half of an NBA basketball game against the Philadelphia 76ers on Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2010, in Philadelphia.

Cavaliers 95, Celtics 87

In Cleveland, J. J. Hickson scored 21 points and Daniel Gibson added 16—all in the second half—to overhaul an 11-point deficit in the third quarter and help Cleveland to an unlikely victory over Boston.

Playing its first game in seven years without LeBron James, the Cavaliers stunned the Celtics in their season opener, a win that at least for one night gave local fans reason to believe that there is hope after the departure of the two-time most valuable player.

For the Celtics, Rajon Rondo top-scored with 18 points, while Kevin Garnett recorded 15 rebounds for Boston.

Nets 101, Pistons 98

In Newark Anthony Morrow scored a 3-pointer with just 26 seconds to play to give Russian billionaire Mikhail Prokhorov a win in his first game as their owner with a victory over Detroit.

Brook Lopez led the Nets with 25 points and nine rebounds, and Devin Harris added 22 points and nine assists. Morrow, who was signed a free agent in the offseason, added 13 points and Jordan Farmar and Terrence Williams each had 10.

Knicks 98, Raptors 93

In Toronto, Wilson Chandler scored 22 points while Amare Stoudemire had 19 points and 10 rebounds for New York.

Chandler scored eight points in the final quarter and Stoudemire added seven for New York, which led 74-72 through the first three quarters.

Andrea Bargnani scored 18 points in the first half but added just four more in the second for Toronto, which had won eight of its previous nine home openers.

Mavericks 101, Bobcats 86

In Dallas, Dirk Nowitzki scored 28 points and had 13 rebounds, while Jason Kidd added 12 points and 18 assists for the hosts.

Jason Terry added 22 points and Caron Butler scored 13 for Dallas.

Tyrus Thomas' 22 points and Gerald Wallace's 16 paced the Bobcats, who have never beaten the Mavericks in 13 meetings.

Thunder 106, Bulls 95

In Oklahoma, Kevin Durant scored 30 points, Russell Westbrook added 28 points and 10 rebounds as Oklahoma City edged out Chicago.

For the Bulls, Rose scored 28 points to top score in Tom Thibodeau's debut as head coach.

Hornets 95, Bucks 91

In New Orleans, Chris Paul's 17 points and 16 assists gave New Orleans Hornets' Monty Williams a victory in his NBA head coaching debut.

David West led all scorers with 22 points, while new starting shooting guard Marco Belinelli added 18 for New Orleans.

Carlos Delfino hit five 3-pointers and scored 19 points for Milwaukee, which led 72-67 late in the third quarter, but fell behind for good when Peja Stojakovic's 3-pointer, his only basket, put New Orleans up 73-72 soon after.

Australian Andrew Bogut had 15 points and 15 rebounds for Milwaukee, but six missed free throws in the fourth quarter were costly.

Hawks 119, Grizzlies 104

In Memphis, Joe Johnson scored 22 points and Zaza Pachulia provided a spark off the bench with 17 points and 11 rebounds, leading Atlanta to victory.

Mike Bibby added 19 points as the Hawks shot 53 percent from the field and 87 percent from the free throw line. Atlanta has won its last four season openers.

Grizzlies center Marc Gasol missed the game with a sprained left ankle. During the game, Memphis also lost forward Zach Randolph, an All-Star last season, to a lower back injury.

Mike Conley led the Grizzlies with 23 points and Rudy Gay added 21. Darrell Arthur scored a career-high 19 points starting in place of Gasol.

Spurs 122, Pacers 109

In San Antonio, Tim Duncan registered 23 points and 12 rebounds as San Antonio beat Indiana.

Manu Ginobili scored 22 points for the Spurs, who blew an early double-digit lead and nearly their goal of starting strong in what could be the last season for their Big Three.

Roy Hibbert led Indiana with 28 points and Danny Granger had 26. Darren Collison scored 19 points in his debut for the Pacers, who fell apart in the fourth quarter.

Kings 117, Timberwolves 116

In Minneapolis, Carl Landry's 22 points and 11 rebounds helped Sacramento to a one-point win.

Francisco Garcia scored 22 points and rookie DeMarcus Cousins had 14 points, eight rebounds and five assists for the Kings.

Luke Ridnour had 20 points and six assists and Anthony Tolliver added 14 points, seven rebounds and four blocks for Minnesota in a back-and-forth, entertaining season opener for both teams.

Nuggets 110, Jazz 88

In Denver, Carmelo Anthony scored 23 points, Arron Afflalo added 22 as Denver opened its season with a win over Utah in coach George Karl's return to the bench.

Chauncey Billups chipped in 14 points and eight assists, while newcomer Shelden Williams grabbed 16 rebounds.

Deron Williams had 17 points for the Jazz, who finished 8-0 in the preseason for the first time in franchise history.

Karl missed the final two months of last season after being diagnosed with throat and neck cancer.

Warriors 131, Rockets 128

In Oakland, Monta Ellis matched his career high with 46 points as Golden State gave coach Keith Smart a win on debut.

David Lee had 17 points and 15 rebounds, and Dorell Wright scored 15 points to help the Warriors to their first season-opening win since 2005. They also snapped a nine-game losing streak to the Rockets dating to 2007.

Trail Blazers 98, Clippers 88

In Los Angeles, Brandon Roy scored 22 points as Trail Blazers spoiled the NBA debut of Blake Griffin with a victory over the L.A. Clippers.

Griffin had 20 points and 14 rebounds, a year after his rookie season was supposed to begin. The No. 1 pick in the 2009 draft broke his left kneecap in the Clippers' final preseason game and missed all of last season.

Eric Gordon led Los Angeles with 22 points and Rasual Butler scored 16.

Injured Favre won't rule himself out vs Patriots

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP)—Brett Favre sure doesn't look like a guy ready to play a game in four days, not with an oversized walking boot covering most of his left leg.

But who would bet against Minnesota's 41-year-old quarterback? Whether it's reckless pride, simple determination or an exceptional tolerance of pain, he's played through all kinds of pain—including a broken thumb in 2003 and a badly sprained foot in 2000—and never sat out.

His NFL-record streak is at 291 consecutive games started, 315 including the playoffs. Naturally, Favre is not ruling himself out of Sunday's game at New England despite two fractures in his left ankle.

"I would love to play, for no other reason but I'm in this, committed to this team," Favre said. "I'd love to get this back on track and be a part of it, and more than anything function at a level that gives us a chance to win. That's basically it."

Favre said he won't consider participating in any part of practice until Friday. He spent Wednesday in the training room, joining his teammates for their post-practice huddle and walking off the field wearing the boot, shorts, a sweatshirt and a Twins cap.

He's always had a knack for healing quickly, which gives him hope he'll be back when the Vikings (2-4) play the Patriots (5-1). If he can't go, Tarvaris Jackson will take over.

Coach Brad Childress kept the option open, too.

"I wouldn't put it past him. He's going to make the push, like a lot of these guys do," Childress said.

Favre insisted he'd put aside the streak for the sake of the team.

"It probably should have ended a long time ago," Favre said, adding: "Whether it ends this week or it ends at the end of the year, it ends, and I will always be proud of it."

Childress, too, said he wouldn't factor the ironman record as part of the final decision on whether Favre will play, but the coach was adamant that he won't let him go out there if he looks gimpy.

"I'm going to need to see some movement skills, to see that he can do that," Childress said.

Favre was hurt in Sunday's loss at Green Bay, and an MRI revealed a stress fracture in the ankle as well as an avulsion fracture in the heel bone, where a fragment has been torn away by a tendon or ligament. He doesn't need surgery, and he said after consulting with doctors he's confident he can't make the injury worse by playing.

Favre said he trusts his own ability to properly judge his health.

"Mentally I think I can do it. I've done it before. Will it hurt? I'm sure it will," he said, adding: "I know I'll keep an open mind about it and be smart about it. I don't want to go out and play just to play."

When asked what the streak means to him, Favre, in typical contradictory fashion, touted his own feat and express team-first humility all in the same paragraph.

"All I can say is 'Wow,'" he said. "I kind of lost count a long time ago. ... If I'm able to play, I want to play the whole game and give us a chance to win."

As for working with Childress on the decision, Favre said: "He's the head coach. He makes those decisions, but I would think it'll be an open-dialogue deal."

Favre is also the subject of an NFL investigation into allegations that he sent lewd photographs and suggestive messages to a female New York Jets employee in 2008, a development that first put his streak in danger with the possibility of a suspension under the league's personal conduct policy.

But Favre said the injury hasn't made him consider retiring now and that he's fully committed to finishing the season.

"This could easily be an injury where I could where I could say, 'I'm going to slip under the radar. See you later. Easy out,'" Favre said. "And people may think that. I want to play, and I want to help this team win. I owe that to the guys. I owe that to myself. ... I just want to help this team get back on track. That's what I came here for. For no other reason."

As he has throughout most of the last month, facing questions about the allegations and the investigation, Favre appeared at ease at the podium and tried to keep the mood light.

When asked about ability to tolerate pain, Favre quipped, "Either that, or I'm just completely a knucklehead, which a lot of people would probably agree with."

Favre also pointed to his father's gruff approach to coaching his youth football and baseball teams as he traced back the root of his toughness.

"You fall down, you start crying, you want attention," Favre said. "I never got it from him. It was, 'You're not hurt.' And 99 percent of the time he was right. And I just learned that you just get up and you play with it. That's just the way I was brought up and raised."

There's also the issue of a fissure between Favre and Childress over the way the offense is run. After the coach said on Monday they're "absolutely" on the same page, the quarterback didn't exactly offer a ringing endorsement on Wednesday of their relationship.

"I think we've been able to talk about things, but we don't necessarily agree," Favre said. "But I think that's part of it. I think both of our intentions are to win. We've got to get this on track. We know that. How we get there remains to be seen. As long as we're both focused on the right prize, that's all that matters. ... I know what's expected of me. I don't need him or anyone else to tell me that."

Moss could share Patriots signals with Vikings

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP)—When Randy Moss was traded to the Minnesota Vikings, he took his knowledge of New England's offense with him.

That may not help much when they visit the Patriots on Sunday.

"Sure, he can probably tell them the plays," Tom Brady said Wednesday. "He knows the signals and stuff, but that's why you have to change them. Hopefully, he tells them one thing, then you fake it and they're guessing and maybe they guess wrong. Who knows?"

Signs, and whether the Patriots steal them or not, have become hot topics leading up to the game between the surging Patriots (5-1) and the struggling Vikings (2-4).

On Monday, Minnesota coach Brad Childress said New England stole signs during its 31-7 win over the Vikings in 2006 when coaches still signaled them in before the advent of radio hookups in a defensive player's helmet.

"These were some of the all-time great signal stealers. In fact, that's what was going on," Childress said. "We were signaling from the sideline. They were good at it. It's like stealing signals from a catcher."

Childress elaborated on Wednesday.

"I'm sure it's done throughout the league. We do it as well," he said. "I didn't mean any offense to any of those people (with the Patriots)."

The issue draws extra attention in New England because of penalties imposed by the NFL after it confiscated tapes from a Patriots employee who recorded the New York Jets' defensive signals during the 2007 opener. Coach Bill Belichick was fined $500,000 and the team was fined $250,000 and forced to forfeit its 2008 first-round draft choice.

Belichick brushed off Childress' remarks.

"I'm not really too worried about 2006," he said Wednesday. "I'm worried about this Sunday against Minnesota. I'm not worried about next Sunday, last Sunday, '06, '02, '89. Really, it's just this Sunday."

RBC 3-on-3 Family Fun Tournament on Nov. 13

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The Rollers Basketball Club is hosting a 3-on-3 Family Fun Fundraiser Tournament on Nov. 13 and 14 at the Garapan Basketball Court.

The event will be held between 4pm and 9pm on the first day and 4pm to 8pm on the second day, weather permitting.

"This event is more than just a fundraiser, rather it's a great way to promote a healthy lifestyle, while providing families with the means to spend some genuine quality time with one another. We hosted a youth 3-on-3 tourney last week and the kids had a blast…I thought why not do it again and throw the parents in the mix so everyone can have fun together. This event should be interesting and I am looking forward to seeing the parents out on the court," said RBC head coach Joe Diaz.

RBC is making efforts to raise funds for their upcoming trip to compete in the 4th Annual Barrigada MPC Thanksgiving Tournament in Guam. The group is still in need of funds to cover their transportation and accommodation expenses while in Guam.

Registration for the tournament will take place on Nov. 8 from 5pm to 6pm at the Garapan Basketball Court.

There are three divisions in which to compete: U12 coed/parents, U14 coed parents and U16 coed/parents. The entrance fee is $20 per team. Diaz said interested teams should make checks payable to the Rollers Basketball Club.

Nov. 9 is the final day to turn in the team rosters and entry forms.

The half court games will be conducted under FIBA 3-on-3 rules. All family teams must have four players per roster. At least one parent must be present on the court at all times. Games will contain two three-minute halves with a two-minute half time break. The clock will run continuously until the final minute of play. RBC U19 members will be volunteering as scorekeepers, table officials and referees throughout the event.

The RBC would like to thank all of their donors and sponsors including Mr. and Mrs. Andrea Lansang, Dexter Mendiola of Fotten Gaga, Joe Ayuyu of McDonald's, All Star Sporting Good's Soledad Tenorio, Ray Lizama of the Masters Basketball Federation of the NMI, National Office Supply, Subway, and Pacific Trading Co. for all of their help and support.

For more information, contact Diaz at 483-1791.

GECKOS

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utes to wrap up the opening set as it got a one-point deduction off an error when Josh Borja crossed to MBA's court after a spike. The chief umpire did not see the infraction, but SIS showed a sportsmanlike gesture when coach Mili Saiki approached the official and said the point should be awarded to MBA. The Stormz got the point, 16-23, instead of SIS going up at 24-15. Two MBA errors finally had SIS winning the opening set.

Then in the second set, the opposing teams went toe-to-toe, exchanging spikes, diving after every loose ball, and blocking shots. The game was so close that no team led by more than three points and each squad traded situational timeouts and substitutional patterns in the homestretch.

SIS let starters Clay and Emma McCullough-Stearns sit on the bench at the start of the second set, leaving Taek Han Yoon, Zoe Jewell, Amber Roberts, and Borja on the floor.

The Geckos scored the first two points in the second set, but MBA answered with two straight markers, too. That had been the story in the second set with teams trading errors and points, shifting the match's momentum from one side to another.

Then SIS went for its starters midway in the second set with the game still in deadlock, 14-all. MBA also brought back starter Sid Quan to team up with Carlo Samson and Charlie Jo in the frontline against the Geckos' Clay McCullough-Stearns, Borja, and Yoon. Samson also doubled as MBA's setter, while SIS had Amber Roberts tossing the ball for the Geckos.

With SIS having its starters back and MBA holding its ground, the game continued to go back and forth and was tied last at 22-all. The Stormz scored its last point in the match off an SIS miscommunication, as three Geckos players watched the ball drop in front of them.

Geckos coaches Kim Peterson and Saiki then called its last time out after the latest booboo and it was a good one, as SIS scored three straight points in the ensuing plays to take the hard earned win.

The first one came off Clay McCullough-Stearns' kill, the second was courtesy of Roberts, who blocked MBA's Jo, and the third courtesy of Yoon's ace.

SAN NICOLAS

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Babauta's 13 handicap left him with a net card of 76.

Notably Rick Kautz shot a 38 on the front nine and finished the back with a 43 to gross an impressive 81 for the day, but his five handicap left him with a 76 net score in a three-way tie for third.

SGA's November ace will tee off this Sunday, Oct. 31, at 10:30am at Coral Ocean Point Golf Resort. All SGA golfers are requested to check in at 9:30am and are encouraged to show up in their Halloween attire, granted they can still play their round of golf in costume.

A total of 15 players took part in the October tourney. The rest of the field, with their net scores in parenthesis, is as follows: Mario Fajardo (76); Rick Kautz (76); Joe Demapan (77); Ed Sablan (77); Ben Aldan (77); Nick Sablan (78), Art Deleon Guerrero (78); Tony DL Guerrero (79); Jose Sablan (79); Martin Sablan (80); Steve Jang (82); and Jesus Castro (87)

In the longest drive, Jang was without peer in hole No. 2, while Nick Sablan wowed everyone in hole No. 11.

In the greenies, San Nicolas won hole No. 6, while Tony De Leon Guerrero and Jang were the best in holes No. 8 and 12, respectively.

TSUNAMI

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Besides the 50m backstroke, Kensuke Kimura holds four other records in the boys; 13 to 14 age group: 800m freestyle (9:48.24), 100m backstroke (1:08.96), 200m backstroke (2:26.35), and 50m breaststroke (35.18 seconds).

In the 11 to 12 age groups, Kensuke Kimura owns six marks, breaking three of his own records. He holds the record in the 400m freestyle (4:52.68), 800m freestyle (10:05.85), 1,500m freestyle (19:43.27), 200m breaststroke (3:02.81), 200m backstroke (2:40.79), and 400m IM (5:35.70).

In the boys U8 division, Ryosei Toda has three records, while Hiroto Yanai and Lukas Kang earn one each.

In the boys' 9 to 10 division, Kaito Yanai holds the most records with 10, resetting several of his own marks. He reset his record in the 200m IM and 100m butterfly three times and twice in the 100m breaststroke and 100m freestyle.

In the boys' 13 to 14, besides Kimura, Kai Staal also owns several age records in this division. Staal reset his 100m freestyle mark three times, the 200m and 400m freestyle and 100m breaststroke marks twice.

Staal has more records in the 15 to 16 age group than in the 13 to 14 division, 6-5. His marks include the 50m, 200m, and 800m freestyle, 50m and 100m backtroke, 50m breaststroke, and 50m butterfly. He reset some of his own records.

In the boys' 17 to 18 age group, Rezne Wong reset his own 50m breaststroke record six times between 2008 and 2009. He then reset his own record in the 100m breaststroke three times after crushing Justin Pierce's mark. In the 200m breastroke, he reset his own mark after passing another Pierce's record. Wong's fourth mark in the 17 to 18 age group is the 200m IM, as he timed in at 2:14.48 on May 30, 2009 to beat the 2:14.67 Jonathan Sakovich made on Dec. 10, 1987.

Wong also owned records in the open division at four (50m, 100m, and 200m breaststroke, and 200m IM), while Staal has one (50m freestyle).

In the girls division, Angel Marie Tan is the lone Tsunami Saipan swimmer to make it to the record books with her four marks in the girls 9 to 10 age group. She posted records in the 50m breaststroke (41.86 seconds), 100m breaststroke (1:31.27), 200m breaststroke (3:16.71), and 200m breaststroke (3:05.92).

Tsunami Saipan swimmers will have a chance to mark the club's 100th record on Nov. 6 when Saipan Swim Club hosts the 2010 All Schools Championship at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.

MP UNITED

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GIRLS U14
MP United 2, Tan Holdings 0

In the second game in the girls U14 division at the San Antonio Elementary School Field, MP United shut out Tan Holdings FC, 2-0,

Masami Sato and Seoung Hyun Lee posted one goal each for Matansa to beat Tan Holdings.

The win was only the second in five games for Matansa, while the loss was fifth in a row for Tan Holdings.

Matansa 6, Paire 1

In the first girls U14 game, Matansa clobbered Paire, 6-1.

Doreen Ravell recorded a hattrick for Matansa, Tahlia Hideo had two, and Andrea Camacho added one. Herminia Palacios logged the lone goal for Paire.

After the easy win, Matansa remains unbeaten in five games, while Paire absorbed its second loss in five matches.

BOYS U18
MP United 4, Independents 0

In the boys U18, MP United also recorded a shutout win against Independents, 4-0.

MP United drew one goal each from Taek Han Yoon, Dae Min Heon, Stacy Macaranas, and Yishan Wang.

The win was fourth in five games for MP United, which was forced to a draw by Paire in Week 4. Paire was awarded an automatic win last week after a no-show from Matansa in the first game at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	1	0	1.000	—
New York	1	0	1.000	—
Boston	1	1	.500	1/2
Philadelphia	0	1	.000	1
Toronto	0	1	.000	1

Southeast Division

Atlanta	1	0	1.000	—
Miami	1	1	.500	1/2
Orlando	0	0	.000	1/2
Washington	0	0	.000	1/2
Charlotte	0	1	.000	1

Central Division

Cleveland	1	0	1.000	—
Chicago	0	1	.000	1
Detroit	0	1	.000	1
Indiana	0	1	.000	1
Milwaukee	0	1	.000	1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

Dallas	1	0	1.000	—
New Orleans	1	0	1.000	—
San Antonio	1	0	1.000	—
Memphis	0	1	.000	1
Houston	0	2	.000	1 1/2

Northwest Division

Portland	2	0	1.000	—
Denver	1	0	1.000	1/2
Oklahoma City	1	0	1.000	1/2
Minnesota	0	1	.000	1 1/2
Utah	0	1	.000	1 1/2

Pacific Division

Golden State	1	0	1.000	—
L.A. Lakers	1	0	1.000	—
Sacramento	1	0	1.000	—
L.A. Clippers	0	1	.000	1
Phoenix	0	1	.000	1

Yesterday's Games

Cleveland 95, Boston 87
New Jersey 101, Detroit 98
Miami 97, Philadelphia 87
New York 98, Toronto 93
Atlanta 119, Memphis 104
Sacramento 117, Minnesota 116
New Orleans 95, Milwaukee 91
Oklahoma City 106, Chicago 95
Dallas 101, Charlotte 86
San Antonio 122, Indiana 109
Denver 110, Utah 88
Golden State 132, Houston 128
Portland 98, L.A. Clippers 88

NBA LEADERS

Scoring

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Ellis, GOL	1	18	9	46	46.0
Durant, OKC	1	9	11	30	30.0
Gasol, LAL	1	11	7	29	29.0
Westbrook, OKC	1	8	12	28	28.0
Rose, CHI	1	12	4	28	28.0
Hibbert, IND	1	10	8	28	28.0
Nowitzki, DAL	1	11	6	28	28.0
Martin, HOU	2	13	24	54	27.0
Bryant, LAL	1	8	11	27	27.0
Scola, HOU	2	21	12	54	27.0
Nash, PHX	1	10	4	26	26.0
Granger, IND	1	10	3	26	26.0
Curry, GOL	1	9	4	25	25.0
Lopez, NJN	1	11	3	25	25.0
James, MIA	2	15	14	47	23.5
Duncan, SAN	1	10	3	23	23.0
Conley, MEM	1	9	4	23	23.0
Roy, POR	2	16	8	46	23.0
Anthony, DEN	1	7	9	23	23.0
Garcia, SAC	1	7	6	22	22.0

FG Percentage

	FG	FGA	PCT
Ford, IND	4	4	1.000
Nowitzki, DAL	11	13	.846
McRoberts, IND	5	6	.833
Duncan, SAN	10	12	.833
Gordon, DET	5	6	.833
Williams, ATL	5	6	.833
Evans, UTA	4	5	.800
Bibby, ATL	7	9	.778
Ellis, GOL	18	24	.750
Young, PHL	6	8	.750

Rebounds

	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
Noah, CHI	1	7	12	19	19.0
Evans, TOR	1	4	12	16	16.0
Williams, DEN	1	7	9	16	16.0
Scola, HOU	2	8	24	32	16.0
Lee, GOL	1	3	12	15	15.0
Bogut, MIL	1	4	11	15	15.0
Griffin, LAC	1	9	5	14	14.0
Nowitzki, DAL	1	1	12	13	13.0
Garnett, BOS	2	3	22	25	12.5
Camby, POR	2	11	13	24	12.0

Assists

	G	AST	AVG
Kidd, DAL	1	18	18.0
Paul, NOR	1	16	16.0
Rondo, BOS	2	26	13.0
Curry, GOL	1	11	11.0
Jennings, MIL	1	10	10.0
Harris, NJN	1	9	9.0
Parker, SAN	1	9	9.0
Brooks, HOU	2	16	8.0
Billups, DEN	1	8	8.0
Conley, MEM	1	8	8.0

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LOCAL SCORES

NMIFA YOUTH LEAGUE STANDINGS

Boys U14

Team	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
MP United FC	5	5	0	0	27	4	23	15
Paire FC-Red	5	3	1	1	15	9	6	10
Paire FC-Black	4	2	0	2	17	7	10	6
Tan Holdings FC	4	1	1	2	5	8	-3	4
Matansa FC	4	1	0	3	8	11	-3	3
Shirley's FC	4	1	0	3	1	23	-22	3
Independent FC	4	0	2	2	4	15	-11	2

Girls U14

Team	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Matansa FC	5	5	0	0	32	2	30	15
Paire FC	5	2	1	2	13	13	0	7
MP United FC	5	2	1	2	6	10	-4	7
Tan Holdings FC	5	0	0	5	1	27	-26	0

Boys U18

Team	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
MP United FC	5	4	1	0	23	3	20	13
Paire FC	5	3	1	1	14	5	9	10
Independent FC	5	1	0	4	8	20	-12	3
Matansa FC	5	1	0	4	3	20	-17	3

Saipan is Giants country in 2010 World Series

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The October Classic is upon us and two previously woebegone franchises—San Francisco Giants and the Texas Rangers—will square it off in the 2010 World Series after vanquishing last year's finalists, the New York Yankees and the Philadelphia Phillies.

The Giants have endured the Barry Bonds era and haven't one it all since 1954—the third longest World Series drought in history behind the Chicago Cubs and the Cleveland Indians. In fact, the Giants have not won since relocating to the Bay in 1957.

The Rangers, meanwhile, are in their first World Series after years of futility despite having sluggers Alex Rodriguez and Mark Texiera in its roster. The franchise was originally called the Senators when it made Washington, D.C. home before moving to Arlington in 1971.

On Saipan, the West Coast bias is in full swing, with majority of baseball fans pulling for San Francisco.

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I like the Giants because of their pitching. They can't win a slugfest. Then again, Vlad Guerrero has to play some defense and pitchers have to hit in the National League park. If the starters get rattled in the early innings they're in trouble. It's hard to predict who will come up with runs for them, so going in I'd say the series probably depends on relievers like Lopez. Just keep it close and they'll pull it out. Cliff Lee doesn't scare me as much as Bengie Molina. That guy just knows too much about San Francisco's pitchers. Six games if Lincecum wins, seven if he loses. A couple of times against Philadelphia he was staring off into the crowd enjoying the moment and seemed to lose some of his focus. Bochy seems to have the managing edge; I'm glad he came over from San Diego a few years back.

Phillips

Ken Phillips
USS Peleliu Club owner

Giants in 7. I have no horse in this race… just want to see good baseball and may the best team win. My impact player: all of the Giants' bullpen especially closer Brian Wilson.

Coldeen

Bob Coldeen
KSPN news director

The San Francisco Giants in six games. I am from San Francisco and have been a fan of the Giants since they arrived from New York in 1958. The Giants great pitching will shut down the Rangers' hitters. My sister-in-law is the Giants ticket manager; anyone want tickets?

Barnes

Kurt Barnes
Former Northern Marianas Athletics president

Giants, as I'm from California and they need some good news.

Quinn

Kanae Quinn
Pacific Island Club

Tebuteb

Giants, because it will be a pitcher-batter duel, and they have the pitchers.

Rep. Ramon A. Tebuteb
CNMI House of Representatives

Gross

Giants, but no major reason why other than a great second half to their season...on a roll baby.

Nick Gross
Marianas High School teacher

I hate everything about Texas. I hate Dallas. I hate Houston. I hate the Cowboys. I hate the Astros. I hate the Dallas Stars. I hate that the stars at night are big and bright (clap, clap, clap, clap) deep in the heart of Texas. My deep-seeded loathing of the Lone Star State has absolutely everything to do with my home town teams from Buffalo losing two Super Bowls and Lord Stanley's Cup to opponents from 10-gallon hat country. While I like Cliff Lee on the mound and everything that Nolan Ryan brings to the Rangers ownership group, I just can't get behind a team from Texas...ever. I'm pulling for the Giants because they have the pitching, the fielding, and the bats to win it all.

Ruszala

Brad Ruszala
IT&E employee

Rogolifoi

I think the Giants will take it in five games because they already took Game 1 and I think Lincecum will get another one for them in Game 4. The Giants have home field advantage and I think they will come out on top in this pitching duel of a World Series.

Tony Rogolifoi
NMASA Hall of Famer

Mesa

I like the Rangers in seven because I believe their pitching staff is underestimated. They went through my Yankees so now I hope they win it all.

Luis Mesa
Baseball umpire

Miura

I like the Rangers in six games… neither of them are my team, but I consider the Rangers as the underdogs and to me it's more fun rooting for the long shot at this point.

Paul Miura
Southern High School MISO coach

Tenorio

I think this matchup will go all seven and I think the Giants will come out on top. They already won the first one and they say that good pitching beats good hitting. The Giants also have home field advantage so it's hard not to give them the edge right now. I am also a bit partial to California teams, however.

Pat Tenorio
Fielders head coach

Miwata

I'll say the Giants in five games. I really like that Lincecum guy and I have been hearing a lot about the strength of their whole pitching staff.

James Miwata
Baseball umpire

Taisacan

I like the Cardinals myself, but I'll go with the Giants in either six or seven games. I'm really just rooting for Lincecum because he is a lot of fun to watch on the mound.

Jerome Taisacan
MHS MISO coach

Jents

Even though I'm really a Twins fan, I'll take the Giants in either six or seven. If they win Game 2 I expect Lincecum to get them another to put them a win away from the trophy. The Giants have great pitching and I expect a good turnout by Buster Posey and Cody Ross, but look out for the Rangers' Elvis Andreas.

Steve Jents
MHS MISO coach

I like the Giants in five games because of their stellar staring pitching and strong bullpen. They took game one and I hope Bumgarner wins to make it 2-0. Then Lincecum will be back on the mound and I think he wins another one to give them a huge advantage.

Flores

Mark Flores
Ol'Aces coach

Camacho

Giants in seven. I'm really a Yankees fan, but since I am also a pitcher, I am going to root for the team with the better pitching staff. I like Tim Lincecum and I also expect Buster Posey to make a significant impact in this series.

Carl Camacho
2010 CNMI Senior All-Star

I'll take the Rangers in six because of their explosive lineup. I expect, Ian Kingsler, Josh Hamilton, and Nelson Cruz to come up big in the series.

Rogolifoi

Ian Rogolifoi
Saipan Southern High School MISO player

Camacho

The Giants are going to sweep the Rangers! The Rangers beat my Yankees and I want them to get smashed.

Frankie Camacho
2010 CNMI Senior All-Star

Tenorio

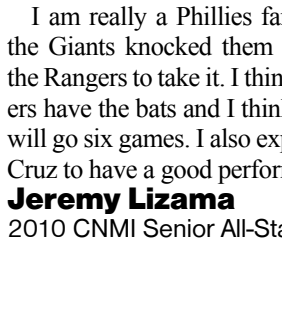
The Giants are gong to win in six because like the CNMI, they play small ball, have solid defense, and run the bases very well. I will be rooting for my boy Freddie Sanchez and also look for veteran Edgar Renteria to do something big at some point.

Mike Tenorio
CNMI All-Star

Tenorio

The Giants are going to sweep the series because I think they are better than the Rangers in every facet of the game. I will be looking for Buster Posey and Brian Wilson to play a big part of bringing it home for San Francisco.

Patrick Tenorio
2010 CNMI Senior All-Star


Lizama

I am really a Phillies fan and since the Giants knocked them out, I want the Rangers to take it. I think the Rangers have the bats and I think this series will go six games. I also expect Nelson Cruz to have a good performance.

Jeremy Lizama
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Sports

Geckos weather Stormz to enter finals

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Saipan International School clinched the second and last finals berth in the varsity division of the 2010-2011 Coalition of Private Schools Sports Association Volleyball League after beating Marianas Baptist Academy in the semifinals.

The Geckos swept the Stormz in yesterday's semifinals game at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium, 25-18, 25-22, to set a title duel against the defending champion Grace Christian Academy.

The Eagles and the Geckos will dispute the varsity championship today at 3pm with the former aiming for their seventh consecutive title.

The semis games may have ended after only two sets, but it was the toughest playoff game so far since the league started the single-elimination playoff round last Monday.

The Geckos took the opening set by seven points, as MBA was a bit slow in chasing balls and the Stormz's frontliners were too eager going for kills, which most of the time went out of the line.

It took SIS a few more min-

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Saipan International School's Amber Roberts returns to Marianas Baptist Academy during their semifinals game in the COPSSA varsity volleyball league yesterday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

San Nicolas wins October Ace

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Ray San Nicolas, second from left, won Saipan Golf Association's October Ace Tournament held last Oct. 10 at the Marianas Country Club.

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Ray M. San Nicolas topped the Saipan Golf Association October Ace after shooting a net score of 75 last Oct. 10 at the Marianas Country Club.

San Nicolas actually scored a gross of 91, but it was hacked to a 75 net by his 16 handicap. The October ace fired a 46 on the front and finished with a 45 on the back nine.

Jung Teack shot a 47 on the front nine and finished strong with a 41 around the turn to gross an 88 that netted into a field-low 74. Teack, however, already won last July making him ineligible to win the October tourney.

John L. Babauta finished third with a 43 on the front and a 46 on the back nine to gross an 89.

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Tsunami Saipan awaits 100th record holder

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Angel Marie Tan, seen here racing in the 100m butterfly event, is the lone Tsunami Saipan female swimmer to enter the CNMI record books.

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A commemorative plaque awaits a Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan swimmer who will mark the club's 100th record.

The once-in-a-lifetime award will be given in celebration of Tsunami Saipan's record history since the establishment of the club in 2005.

According to Tsunami Saipan head coach Hiro Kimura, for the past five years, their swimmers had broken or reset 99 records, and as a reward for their members' outstanding performance, recognition will be the given to the 100th record holder.

"We almost did not notice how many records we had broken or reset, so the club decided to celebrate Tsunami's 100th record. Nobody knows who will make the 100th record," Kimura said.

Kensuke Kimura owned the latest record a Tsunami Saipan swimmer made, as his 50m backstroke mark made during the 200m medley relay in a local tournament early this month was certified by the Northern Marianas Swimming Federation. No existing 50m backstroke mark in the boys' 13 to 14 age group was listed in the CNMI record books, thus Kensuke Kimura's 32.44 seconds is now a record in this event.

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MP United on a roll in fall league

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MP United continued its winning run in the 2010 NMIFA Youth Football League after Week 5 of the competition last week.

In the boys U14 game played at the Hopwood Junior High School Field, MP United topped Paire Red, 5-1, to improve to a 5-0 record and bring their total goals scored to 27. Jehn Joyner had a hat-trick for MP United, while Daniel Lim and Chris Park made one apiece.

Hunter Jewell scored the lone goal for Paire Red, which absorbed its first loss in the league and dropped to a 3-1-1 win-draw-loss slate.

Paire Black 3, Matansa 1

In the second game at Hopwood, Paire Black downed Matansa, 3-1.

Jeff Cheon made a pair of goals for Paire Black, while Delin Reusora had one. Sean Perez put Matansa in the scoreboard with his goal in the second half.

With the win Paire Black moved up to third place with its 2-0-2 record, while Matansa suffered its third loss in four games.

Tan Holdings 2, Independents 2

The first game at Hopwood between Tan Holdings and Independents ended in a 2-2 draw.

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MP United and Tan Holdings FC players are in a foot race as they chase the ball during their game in the girls U14 division of the NMIFA fall league last week at the San Antonio Elementary School Field.

Michael Park and Kenneth Domingo kicked a goal each for Tan Holdings, while Peterson Rengiil and a certain Jesse scored one goal apiece for Independents. Tan Holdings now has a 1-1-2 mark, while Independents holds a 0-2-2 slate.

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